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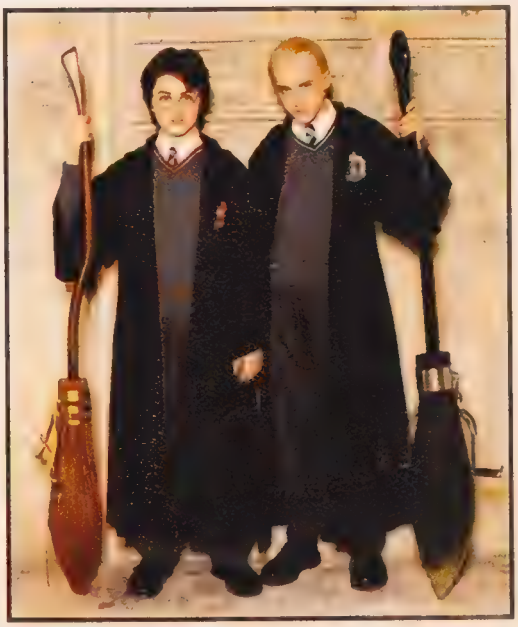

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John W., age 11
via e-mail

Dear John,
Even though we didn't use your idea, thanks for helping us get the ball *rowling.* Not only did you save us time coming up with a headline, you actually doubled our afternoon nap time.

About the August issue

Dear Nick Mag,
I got Nick Mag yesterday and for some strange reason I had the urge to read the comic section—normally, I don't. To my surprise, I absolutely loved it. Please put more *As Told By Ginger* comics in your next issue.
Courtney B., age 12½
Clayton, Delaware

Dear Courtney,
For some strange reason, we had the urge to print your letter. Seriously though, we're glad that you discovered The Comic Book; it always has great stuff, even for people who don't usually read comics.

Dear Nick Mag,
For snacks in the "Useless Camp Handbook" you said that people eat gorp. I don't know if you care, but gorp does exist. By the way, it's very good!

Sam H., age 10
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

Dear Sam,
We eat gorp, too. That's why we thought it was funny to make up different ingredients for it. However, we don't advise anyone to hike around with a bag of gravel, onions, rocks, and pebbles, unless they're headed out to make cement.

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Dear Nick Mag,
I liked "How Hot Is It?" Here's the phrase I came up with: It's as hot as four fried eggs drenched in salsa in a waffle iron.
Morgan F., age 11
Key West, Florida

Dear Morgan,
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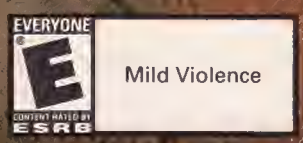

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ABDUL AZIZ: Cherries.

How did you get into the fruit business?
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Do you prefer selling fruit or hot dogs?
Fruit. It's nice and clean and healthy.

If someone offered you a candy bar or a piece of fruit, which would you eat?
The piece of fruit.

Is fruit good for you?
Sure, look at me. I'm so skinny.

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* Does he/she get stuffed every Thanksgiving?
* Does he/she put you to sleep?

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51st and Broadway,	their weak-side blitz.	say, 'so long.'	out for pizza!"
seconds before the half,	*The Waterboy* on DVD.	run it up the middle.	into the slot position!"

In case you *knead* it, there's a rolling pin at the bottom of our pages. And don't burn your fingers on our page numbers. They're sitting on top of some pies we put out to cool.

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The Celeb Page

These seven celebs weighed in on Thanksgiving.

Tom Cruise
actor

What's your favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving?
I love it all. Except I don't understand that pumpkin pie thing. I love my mother's pecan pie, warmed, with ice cream melting on it. That's the best.

Real

Rick Fox
of the Los Angeles Lakers

What food would you ban from Thanksgiving?
Turkey, because I always fall asleep after I have too much. And we usually play on Thanksgiving Day, so that's not good for going to work afterward.

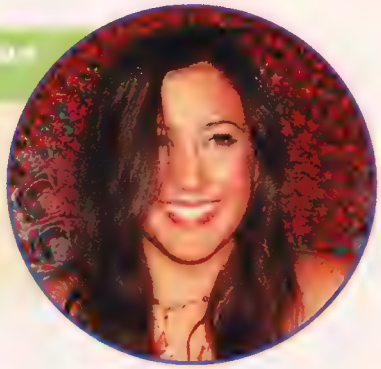
Melissa Joan Hart
actress

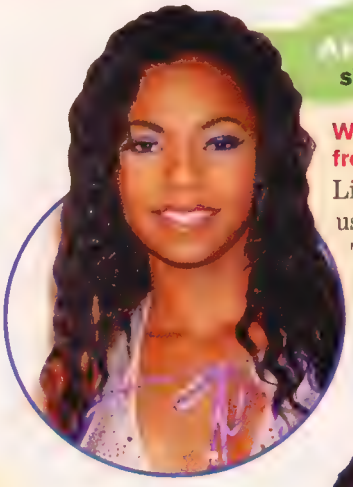
What food would you make a new Thanksgiving tradition?
My mom's French silk pie. It's amazing. We have it every Thanksgiving and I think everyone should.

Won't your mom get tired?

Vanessa Carlton
singer

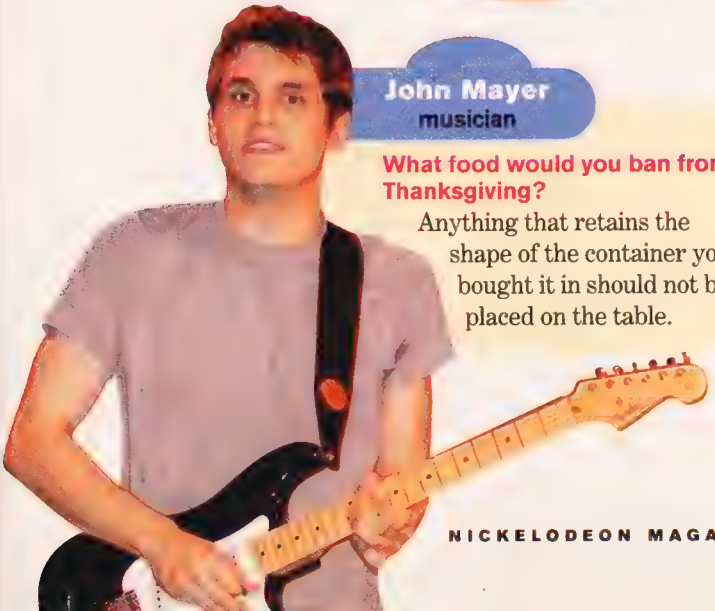
What food would you ban from Thanksgiving?
Brussels sprouts. They're really gross.





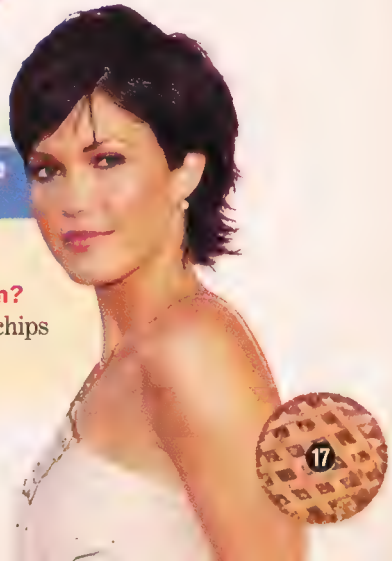
Ashanti
singer

What food would you ban from Thanksgiving?
Liver. My grandmother used to eat liver for Thanksgiving. No more liver.



John Mayer
musician

What food would you ban from Thanksgiving?
Anything that retains the shape of the container you bought it in should not be placed on the table.



Mandy Moore
singer

What food would you make a new Thanksgiving tradition?
Munchies, like potato chips and pretzels.

Sticky Food Questions

Real

Ever wonder why we eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner? Bronwyn Carlton serves up the answer to this and other questions about food.

Why does chicken have light meat and dark meat?

A red-colored protein called myoglobin (pronounced my-uh-GLOW-bin) is what gives dark meat its color. Myoglobin, which is present in certain muscles, delivers oxygen to the muscles, allowing them to work hard. Since chickens don't fly, their wings and breasts don't need to do much work, and are light in color. Their legs and thighs, however, are meant for walking and running, so they're dark from the iron-rich myoglobin. Birds that are built to be more active—such as ducks—have nothing but dark meat.

Why are we supposed to eat three meals a day?

There isn't any medical reason to eat three meals a day. For hundreds of years most Europeans ate only twice a day: breakfast in the morning and dinner in the mid-afternoon. This was true in North America, too, until the late 1800s, when more people began working in factories and offices. Since workers couldn't go home in the middle of the afternoon, they brought a smaller meal to their workplace. The main meal was then pushed back to the end of the day when people returned home.

Nowadays, snacking and eating throughout the day have become common, and some experts think that our eating patterns are changing again: Regular meals may be completely disappearing.

Just like the food in my bowl.

Why do some chocolate bars turn gray?

The streaky gray blotches on your candy bar are called bloom. Storing candy bars for too long or in an area warmer than 80°F may cause some of the cocoa butter in the chocolate to rise to the surface and crystallize. It's perfectly okay to eat chocolate that has bloom—it only *looks* disgusting.

How did these salad dressings get their names?

RANCH: In the 1950s, California rancher Steve Henson named his creamy garlic-and-buttermilk creation after his home, Hidden Valley Ranch. The name was later shortened to Ranch.

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Eat These Words

by Steven Stern

Part Two

A few years ago, we dipped into the dictionary to find foods with interesting stories behind their names. We went back for more, and served them up in this memorable meal. Dig in!

Real

Cappuccino This foamy coffee drink was named in Italy in the 1940s after the Capuchin order of monks. Some say the name was chosen because the monks' brown-and-white hooded cloaks matched the colors of the beverage.

Buffalo wings The spicy chicken wings were invented at the Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York, in the early 1960s. By the 1980s, restaurants all over the country were making their own versions.

Yam The word *yam* comes from the Fulani language of West Africa. What most Americans call yams are really sweet potatoes (*shown here*). Real yams are a potato-like vegetable native to Africa and Asia but rarely seen in this country. The confusion between yams and sweet potatoes probably began in the American South, when African slaves called the unfamiliar sweet potato by a familiar name. In the 1930s, Louisiana farmers wanted a special name for their orange sweet potatoes, so they started selling them as yams.

I yam what I yam.

Caesar salad

Julius Caesar had nothing to do with this garlicky salad. It was invented in 1924 by Caesar Cardini, an owner of a popular restaurant in Tijuana, Mexico. Caesar created the salad on a busy July weekend out of the few ingredients he had left in the kitchen.

Strudel

Strudel means "whirlpool" in German. The pastry got its name because up close, the very thin layers of dough wrapped around a sweet filling look like the swirling waters of a whirlpool.

French fries

There are two stories about how french fries got their name. Some say that American soldiers discovered the crispy snack in France during World War I and brought the recipe back home. But many American cookbooks and diaries from the 1800s mention french-fried potatoes. In those sources, *french* probably refers to how the potatoes are cut: They are "frenched," or sliced into thin strips.

Barbecue

The word *barbecue* comes from the Taino people of the Caribbean. They grilled their meat over a wooden rack called a *barbacoa*. Spanish explorers encountered the grilling practice in the 1500s and brought it (and the word) to the rest of the world.

Salisbury steak

Nowadays, this mixture of ground beef and gravy is probably the last thing you would call health food, but that's how it got its start. The meat dish was named after James H. Salisbury, a 19th-century English doctor who believed that grains and vegetables caused diseases. He recommended eating beef three times a day, washed down with cups of hot water.

Marshmallow

Marshmallow gets its name from a plant called the marsh mallow. The roots of the plant used to be boiled with sugar and egg whites to make a sticky, homemade candy. In the late 1800s, factories began to produce the treat, replacing the root with gelatin.

Ketchup

About 350 years ago, British sailors visiting southern China tasted a local sauce called *ke-tsiap*, which was made from fermented fish. They started coming up with their own variations of ketchup (sometimes spelled *catsup*), using just about anything, including mushrooms, walnuts, and oysters. During the 1790s, cooks in New England began to make ketchup out of tomatoes.

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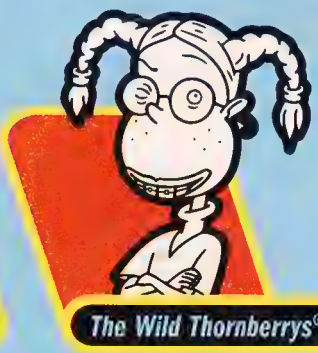
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Think Twink

Real

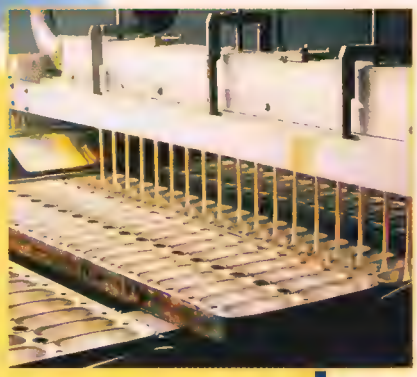
We visited the Interstate Brands bakery in Schiller Park, Illinois, to see how they make more than 1 million Twinkies a day.

1

Batter up. Ray (*below*) makes the dough. First he measures out the correct amount of powdered milk, baking powder, cornstarch, salt, and other ingredients into a bucket. Next he pours the blend into a mixer and adds dried eggs and dextrose [a type of sugar]. Finally, pipes pump in water, flour, corn syrup, and granulated sugar. Each batch of batter weighs 1,000 pounds and makes 13,223 Twinkies.

2

We'd like to thank all our pans. A pipe leads the batter to a machine called the dough depositor. Baking pans, which have been sprayed with grease, pass under the dough depositor. It squirts a precise amount of batter into each mold (*above*), filling it approximately one-third full. Each pan holds 36 future Twinkies.



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Think Twink

3 **All hot and battered.** The conveyor belt carries the pans into a 90-foot-long oven. At the end of the 12-minute trip, the cakes come out golden-brown (*below*). They then spend 40 minutes passing through a cooling machine.

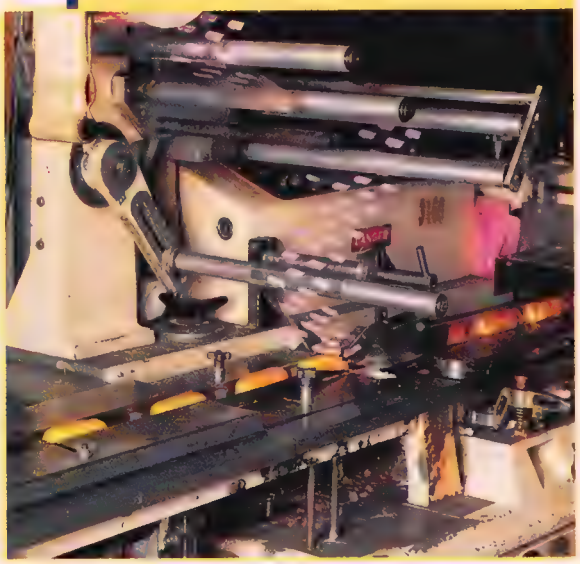
4 **The creme of the crop.** Meanwhile, Sal (*below*) makes the creme, 2,000 pounds at a time. He puts the proper amount of shortening, butter-vanilla flavor, corn syrup, dextrose, and other ingredients into a large mixer. Pipes pour in powdered sugar and water. After it's mixed, the creme leaves through a pipe to go meet the baked cakes.

5 **The scene of the creme.** As each baking pan passes under the creme filler, rows of nozzles inject creme into the cakes. If you turn a Twinkie upside down, you can see the three holes where the filling was inserted.

6 **Going to the dump.** At the dump station, a mechanical arm tips the pans over with a loud bang, dropping the finished cakes onto a new conveyor belt.

7 **Dud ranch.** These women pull the good Twinkies off the conveyor belt to be wrapped. By the end of the line, the only cakes left on the belt are the duds—such as the dinky Twinkies, which occur if the dough depositor squirts out too little batter. The conveyor belt dumps them into a waiting trash can.

8 **Time to get dressed.** A machine wraps cellophane around each cake, then seals and cuts the wrapper (*below*). It takes each Twinkie about one hour to get to this point.



9 **Think inside the box.** A mechanical arm (*upper right*) uses suction to grab five wrapped Twinkies at a time. Meanwhile, a conveyor belt brings over an empty box. The suction turns off, and the cakes fall neatly into the box.

10 **Let them eat cake.** The boxes pass through an automatic box-sealer and are packed onto bakery trays to be delivered to stores and, eventually, mouths. ❑

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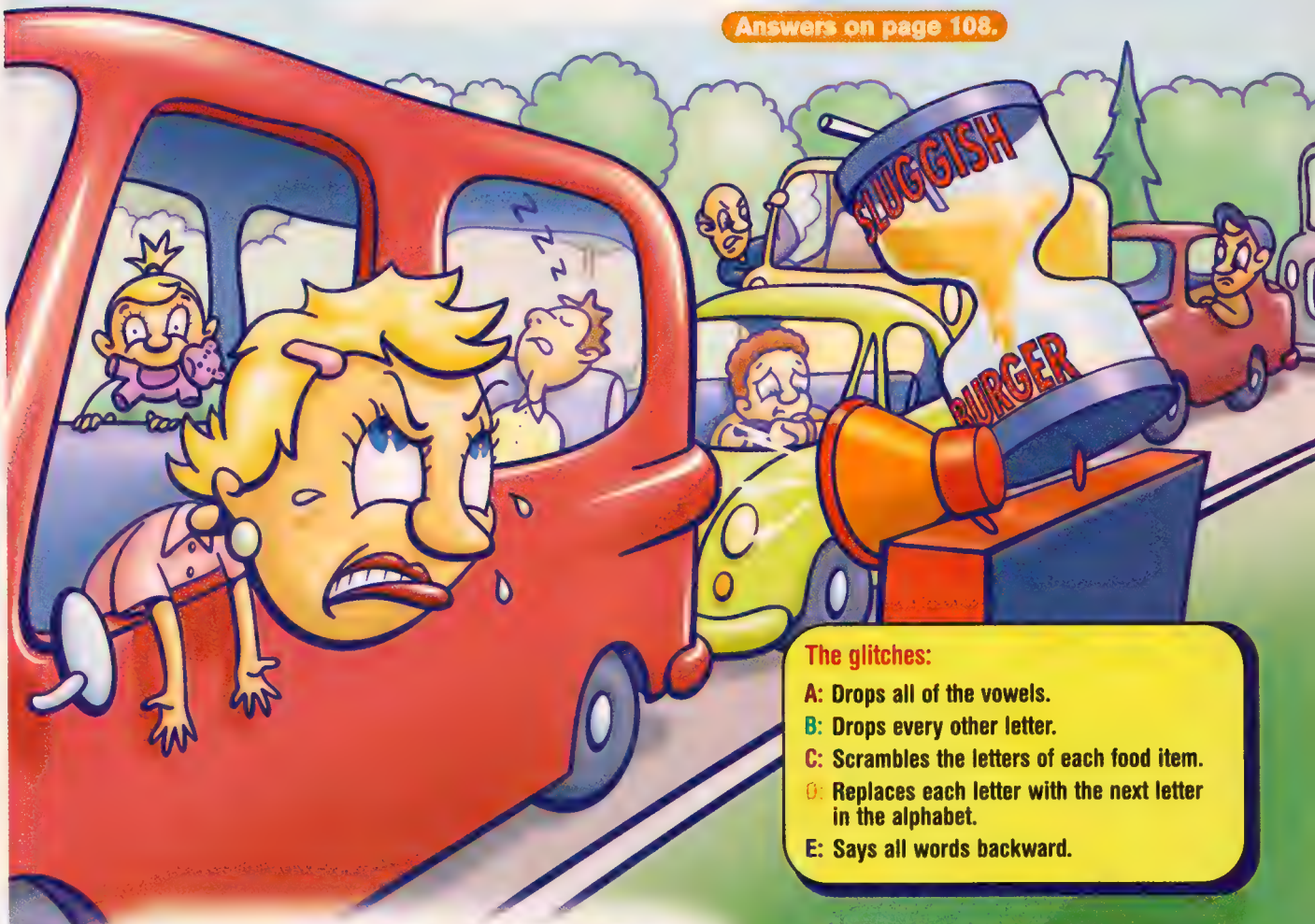
Drive-Thru Puzzle

While the fast food at Sluggish Burger is fantastic, the service at the drive-thru is maple-syrup slow. That's because the microphone always garbles the customers' orders in one of five ways. See if you can help the employees figure out the 10 orders at the bottom of the page. First look at the list of glitches, then check the menu. **Hint:** Each meal has a main course, a side order, and a drink.

Answers on page 108.



The glitches:

- **A:** Drops all of the vowels.
- **B:** Drops every other letter.
- **C:** Scrambles the letters of each food item.
- **D:** Replaces each letter with the next letter in the alphabet.
- **E:** Says all words backward.

MENU

Main courses	Sides	Drinks
• *Cheeseburger*	• *Apple pie*	• *Diet soda*
• *Chicken nuggets*	• *Chili*	• *Iced tea*
• *Chicken sandwich*	• *Fries*	• *Orange soda*
• *Fish sandwich*	• *Onion rings*	• *Shake*
• *Hamburger*	• *Side salad*	• *Soda*

THE ORDERS

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3. difftfcvshfs, bqqmf qjf, jdfe ufb
4. chsbrgr, nn rngs, rng sd
5. hce snwc, sd sld, it oa
6. gjti tboexjdi, dijmj, ejfu tpeb
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9. regrubmah, ilihc, ados
10. technic egg sunk, sailed sad, toad side

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Are They for Real?

Many food products are named after a person—or are they? Read our chart to find out who is real and who is fake.

		Real	
Duncan Hines		Real	Duncan Hines was a traveling salesman who became a well-respected food critic. In 1950 he gave his name to a line of packaged foods. Vanilla ice cream was the company's first product.
Aunt Jemima		Fake	The picture is of a real person, but the name is fake. In 1889, one of the pancake company's founders named the product after a vaudeville-show song. The original model for Aunt Jemima was Nancy Green. Anna Robinson (*left*) filled the role for most of the 20th century.
Little Debbie		Real	In 1960 O.D. McKee decided to name his snack-food business after his granddaughter Debbie and to use her picture on his products.
Uncle Ben		Real	The name came from a renowned Houston, Texas, rice farmer known as Uncle Ben. Gordon Harwell, the first president of Converted Rice, Inc., used Uncle Ben's fame to promote his products in 1946. Frank Brown, an employee of a Chicago restaurant, posed for the picture on the box.
Chef Boyardee		Real	Hector Boiardi (*left*), an Italian immigrant, started his company in 1928. The Americanized spelling of *Boyardee* made the name easier for customers to spell and pronounce. Boyardees good or what?
Betty Crocker		Fake	In 1921 the managers of the Washburn Crosby baked-goods company combined the last name of a retired company director, William Crocker, with the first name Betty. The famous signature on the packaging belongs to a company secretary who won a signature-signing contest. An artist came up with Betty's official likeness, which is updated every few years.
Oscar Mayer		Real	Oscar F. Mayer founded his sausage business in the 1880s and named the company after himself. His son, Oscar Gottfried Mayer (*left*), took over the company in 1909, and later created the meat products' familiar yellow labels.
Colonel Sanders		Real	Real man, fake colonel. Harland Sanders, the founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, was made a Kentucky Colonel—an honorary title given to Kentucky citizens for good deeds—in 1935 because of the influence of his fried-chicken recipes on Kentucky cuisine.

–Caroline Johnston, Evan Lamb, and Elana Roth

Just Desserts

Real

6000 BC A cave artist in Spain paints the earliest known record of a human enjoying something sweet: a drawing of a person gathering **honey.**

500–300 BC Honey gets some competition: A book of magic spells written in India at this time contains the oldest known account of people eating **sugarcane.**

600–400 BC The Mayans of Central America start using the beans of the cacao tree to make a new drink, which people will later know as **hot chocolate.** More than 2,000 years will pass before anyone outside this region gets to taste it.

100s BC The first known recipe for **cheesecake** appears in a book by the ancient Roman writer Cato. It calls for 14 pounds of cheese and four-and-a-half pounds of honey. (It made a very big cake.)

1100s–1200s For some time now, Arabs have been making a sweet fruit drink cooled with snow which they call *sharbat.* Travelers introduce the beverage to Europe, where the drink is renamed **sorbet** and later turned into a frozen dessert.

1500s **Fruit pies** are invented in England, and just in time, too. Selling raw fruit becomes illegal in London in 1569 because people believe it spreads disease. Queen Elizabeth I is even credited with creating cherry pie.

1517 Spanish explorer Hernán Cortés arrives in Mexico. He will eventually meet Montezuma, the emperor of the Aztec people, and taste the ruler's favorite drink, *chocolatl.* The hot beverage is made of cacao beans and spices. Montezuma likes it so much he drinks 50 goblets of it a day. Cortés thinks it's awful but still takes some beans back home to Spain, where **hot chocolate** becomes a hit.

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Serve yourself a slice of sweet information from our history of desserts.

by Marissa Rothkopf Bates

1600s The Italians create one of the world's greatest desserts: **ice cream.**

1700s **Chocolate** becomes something people can eat, not just drink, when French bakers use it to flavor cookies and cakes.

1870s The first doughnut-hole cutting device is sold. All **doughnuts** were solid little cakes until Hanson Crockett Gregory of Maine supposedly added the hole. According to one story, Hanson was a 15-year-old baker's apprentice who was fed up with the doughnut's raw middle. Another tale says that Hanson was a sea captain. He ordered his cook to put holes in the doughnuts so that he could hang them on the handles of his ship wheel.

1897 The first recipe for **brownies** is published. Some people say the treat was invented by accident, when a baker forgot to add baking powder to her chocolate-cake batter.

1915–1920 The **fortune cookie** is invented, but not in China. The now-classic end to a Chinese restaurant meal was created in California.

I thought it ended with a burp.

1930s The owner of the Toll House Inn in Massachusetts is baking butter cookies one day when she decides to break up a chocolate bar and add it to the batter. She calls her new treats chocolate crispies, but we know them better as **chocolate chip cookies.**

1981 Aspartame, currently the most popular **artificial sweetener,** is first used in food. As scientists develop new sugar substitutes, sugar and honey are no longer the only things that can satisfy a sweet tooth. ❑

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Engineers are widening the door frame so you can leave the dining room.

The lizard tattoo on your stomach now looks like Godzilla.

Foreign countries are lobbying the United States to stop you from eating more.

Your tummy rumbles measure 7.9 on the Richter scale.

The silverware in your hands seems to be getting smaller with every bite.

The chair you're sitting on just broke into five pieces.

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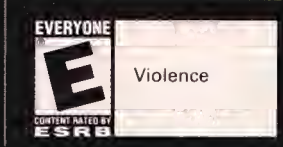

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Cart Toppers

Look at the items in this shopping cart and figure out which popular songs playing over the supermarket's PA system influenced each purchase. The songs are listed below.

Hint: Look for clues in the names of songs or the artists who sing them. For example, "Sweetness" by Jimmy Eat World was playing when the shopper picked up the sugar.

Answers on page 108.

THE SONGS

1. "Sweetness" by Jimmy Eat World
2. "Soak Up the Sun" by Sheryl Crow
3. "One Last Breath" by Creed
4. "My Heart Is Lost to You" by Brooks & Dunn
5. "Here to Stay" by Korn
6. "Long Time Gone" by the Dixie Chicks
7. "She Loves Me Not" by Papa Roach
8. "By the Way" by Red Hot Chili Peppers
9. "For You" by Staind
10. "Hate to Say I Told You So" by The Hives
11. "Bye Bye Bye" by *NSYNC
12. "Hero" by Chad Kroeger and Josey Scott
13. "Yellow" by Coldplay
14. "Blurry" by Puddle of Mudd

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Picky, Picky, Picky

Vegetarians don't eat meat. People who skip meat as well as dairy products and eggs are called vegans. And then there are kids who are even choosier than that. Can you find your diet in this list of ways to nosh?

by Anne D. Bernstein

Notouchatarian: Doesn't let different foods touch each other on the plate

Crusto-Intolerant: Only eats the soft part of the bread

Supercrunchatarian: Munches cereal without milk to avoid sogginess

Squishatarian: Squeezes bread into little balls before eating it

Playgan: Doesn't eat anything without playing with it first

Trayatarian: Actually likes the food at the school cafeteria

I'm a batho-gulpo. I drink water straight out of the toilet.

Lacto-Gulpo: Drinks milk straight out of the carton

High-Fiber Diet: Tosses each piece of cereal into the air and catches it in his or her mouth before swallowing

Hole-Food Diet: Eats only onion rings, bagels, Swiss cheese, doughnuts, and Cheerios

Octogenarianatarian: Eats like an 80-year-old

Brusselsbanarian: Passes out at the sight of brussels sprouts

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Not-So-Fine Dining

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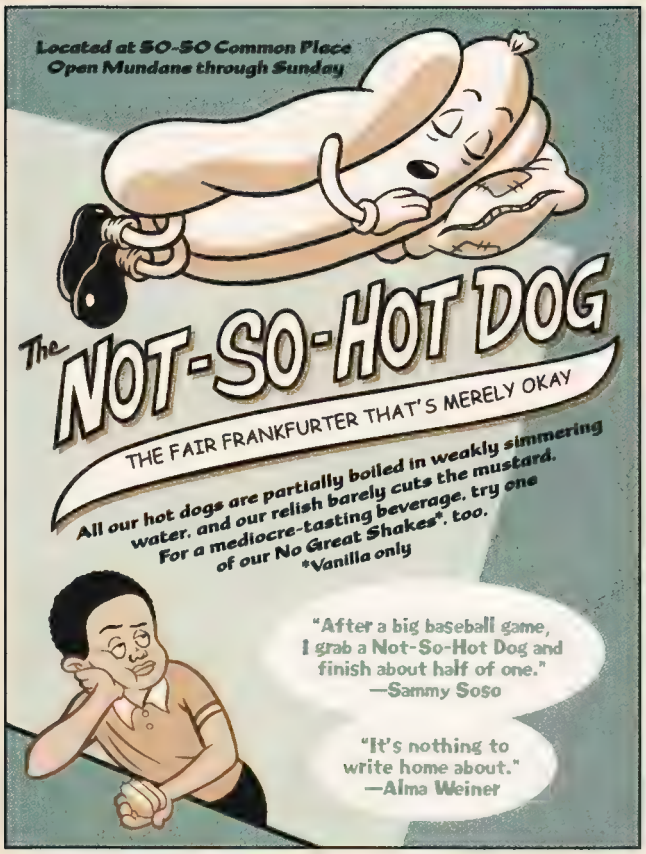

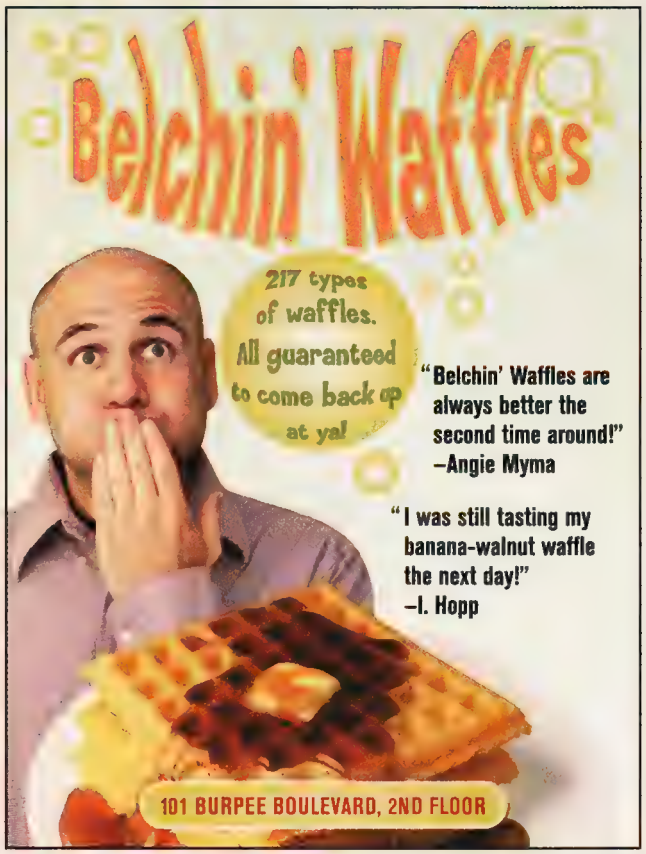

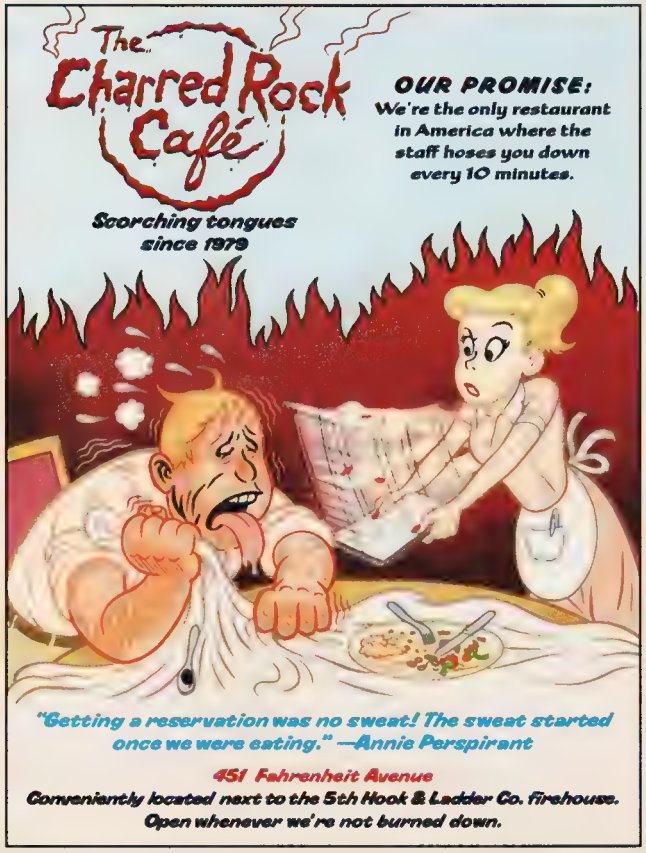

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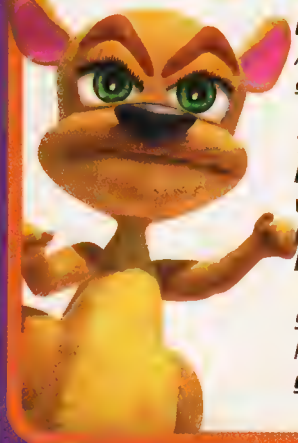

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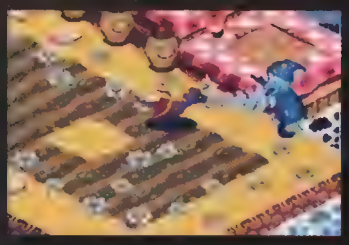

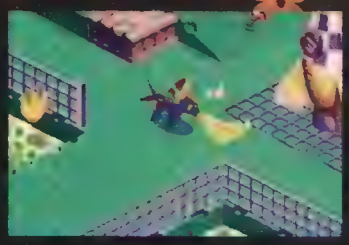

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Great Greens

John Evans grows giant vegetables at his farm near Palmer, Alaska. He holds nine world records for big vegetables from cabbage to zucchini. We planted our questions and he sprouted some answers.

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John with his world-record carrot...

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did you get started growing vegetables?

JOHN EVANS: When I was about eight years old, I would follow my grandmother around the garden. She showed me how to compost and how to thin out plants, and she just gave me inspiration.

Did you like to eat your vegetables when you were a kid?

I couldn't stand brussels sprouts, and now they're one of my favorite vegetables. I grow monsters. Last year, one of them was bigger than a softball.

Do vegetables grow bigger in Alaska?

Yes, but you can grow giant vegetables anywhere. There's less disease up here. There are fewer pests, because of the cold winters. We also have a lot of minerals in the soil.

What kind of pests do you have to worry about?

Aphids are a major problem up here. And moose are diabolical. They hit my garden in 1991 and went through about two thirds of my cabbages and ate my celery down to the nub.

How many different kinds of vegetables do you grow?

Usually around seventy different varieties. I have thirteen varieties of potatoes, six varieties of beans, and four varieties of peas, among others.

...and taking a breather in his zucchini patch.

Do you grow the really big vegetables on purpose?

Some of them are on purpose, and some of them just develop that way. I focus on certain ones that I see have potential. I use a special compost that I developed. It keeps the soil warm and it helps the plants get the minerals they need to grow.

Are the seeds giant, too?

No, they're just ordinary-size seeds. The key is my special compost.

At what point in the growing process do you know that a vegetable is going to be giant?

They talk to me. [*laughs*] They give off an aura of vitality and vibrance.

How do you prepare your vegetables for a competition?
I nurture them like children, in a way. I say, "Now, guys, everybody wants to admire you. Everybody is going to say, 'Wow!'" It might sound silly, but that's the way it is. Then I cut them and bring them straight to the fair.

So are you sad when they're ready to go?
Yes. Even when we just eat them for supper.

What's your favorite vegetable to grow?
Onions. Just the challenge of it. They require very warm soil and a lot of nutrients. I also love to grow zucchini and beans.

What is your favorite vegetable to eat?
Broccoli.

John's daughter, Lauren, with a 76-pound cabbage.

When you go out to eat, do you order giant-size servings?
No, I'm a very modest eater. I like good food in small quantities. I'm not a gorger.

Are there any vegetables that you hate?
I don't like rutabagas all that much. They've got a certain kind of taste and they don't have all that much character.

John poses with his 2001 Alaska State Fair winners.

Does that keep you from planting rutabagas?
Oh, no, not in the slightest, because rutabagas are one of the most magnificent plants. They can grow eight feet tall before they start flowering. They're beautiful.

Do you have any tips for kids who don't want to eat their vegetables?
Yes. Grow them! Because they're yours, and then you'll want to eat them. ❑

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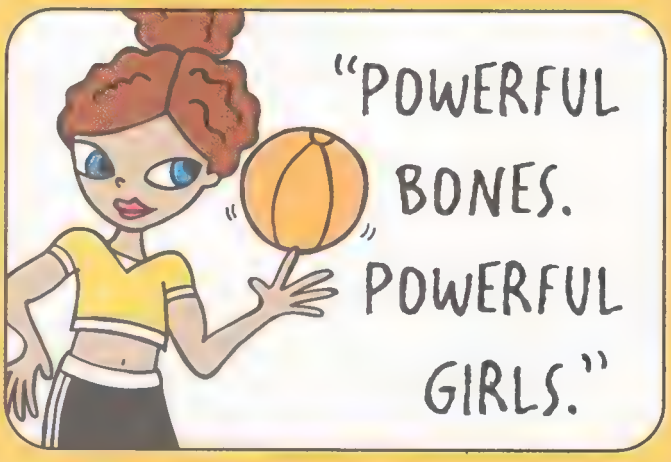

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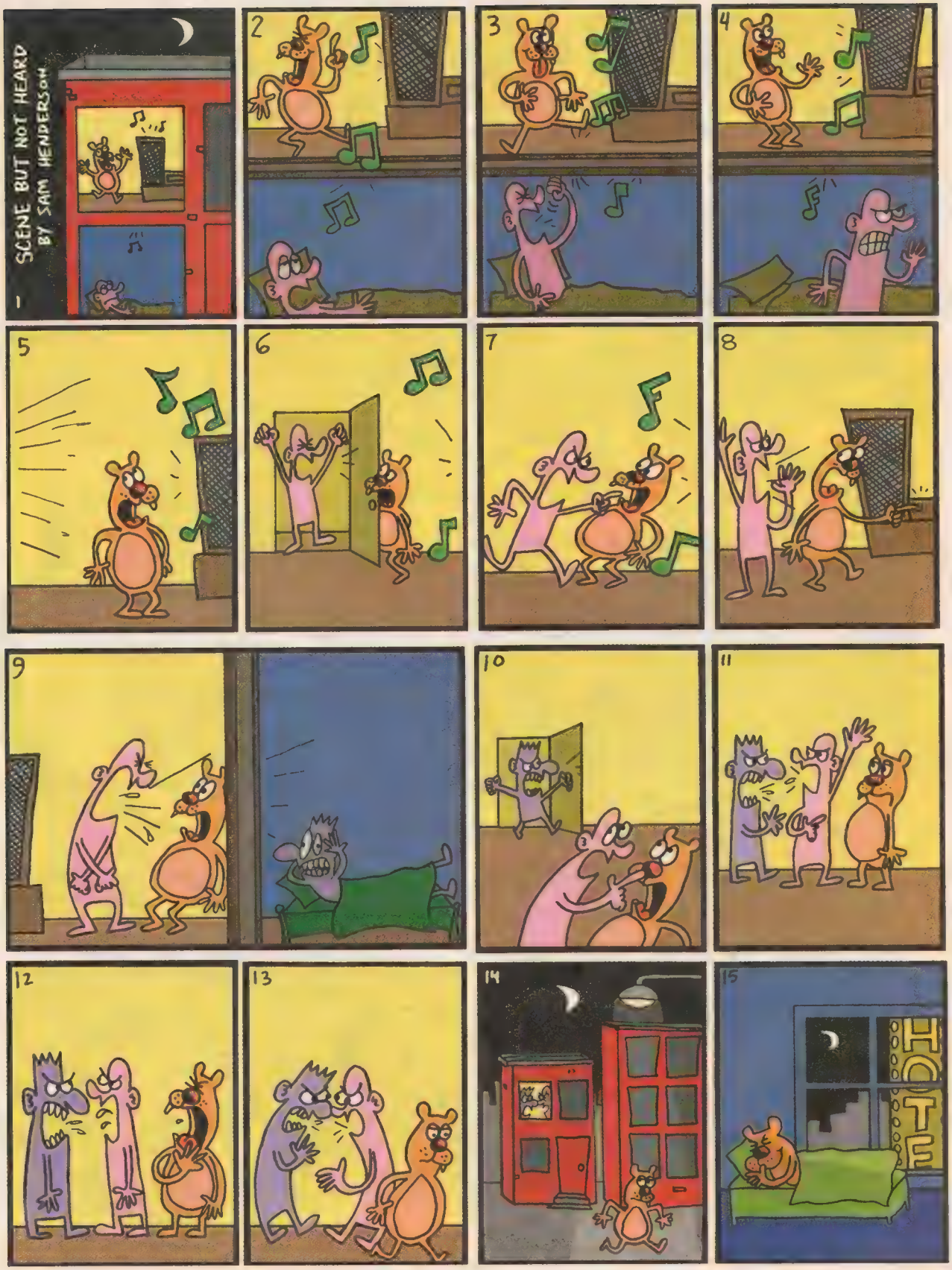
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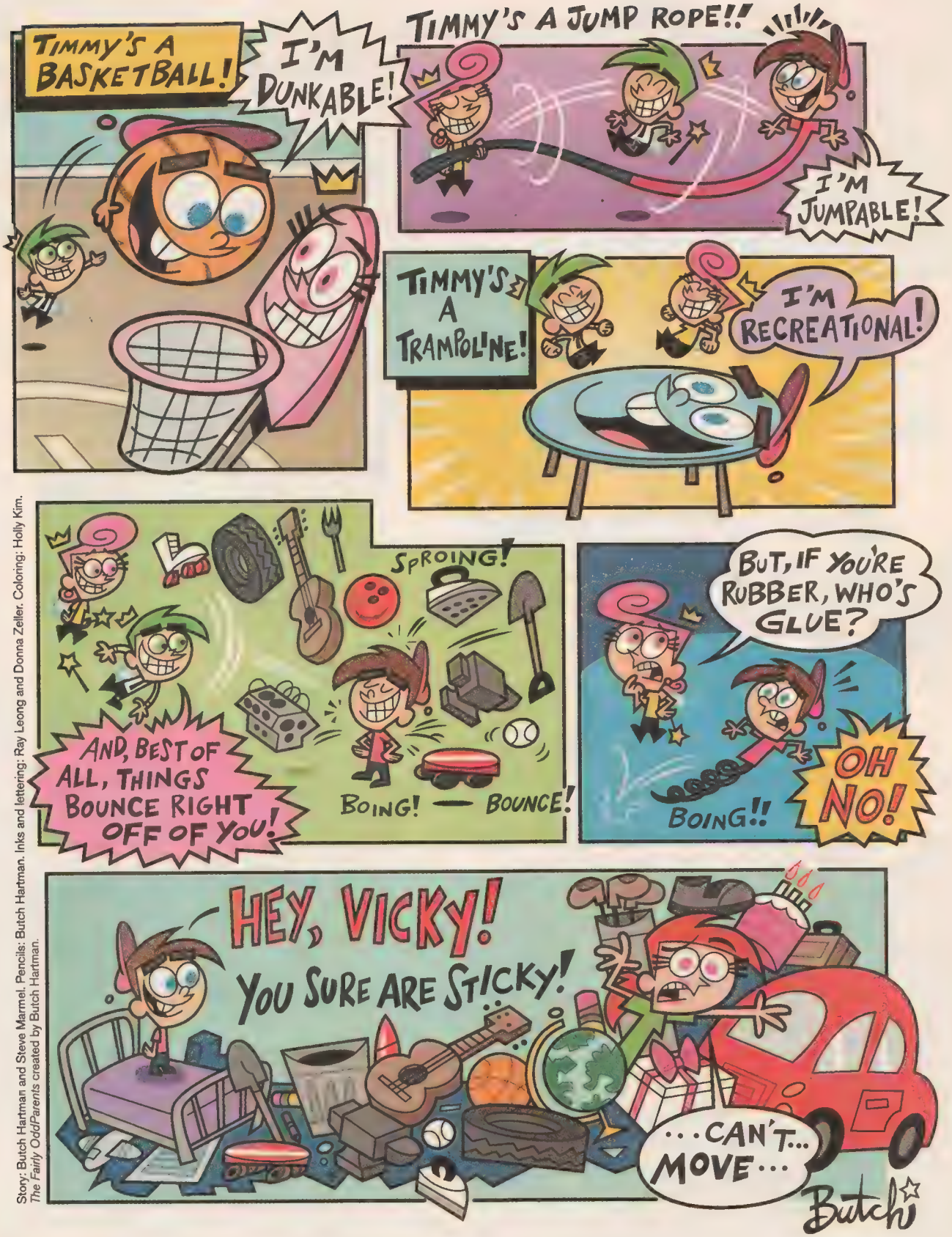
RUMBLE BUBBLE!
HEY!
YOU!
YOU WANT A PIECE OF ME?
HUH?
COME ON, TOUGH GUY!
LET'S GO! OR DON'T YOU HAVE THE GUTS?
POP
THAT WAS TOO EASY.

The Fairly Odd Parents!
HEY, TWERP, LOOKIN' AWFUL SHORT TODAY!
BABY-SITTER
BABY-SAT
WHAT A DWEEB!
I'VE SEEN BETTER HEADS ON BOILS!
YOU'RE A DORK!
THAT'S IT!
FROM NOW ON, VICKY, I'M RUBBER, YOU'RE GLUE...
THINGS BOUNCE OFF ME AND STICK TO YOU!
HEY! WE CAN DO THAT!
WISH!
COOL! I'M STRETCHY!

GARGLE BLUNDER!
GARGLLRGGGLG
RGARGARGLLARGA
AEGRA – GULP!
HAIR GRO
SQUIRT!



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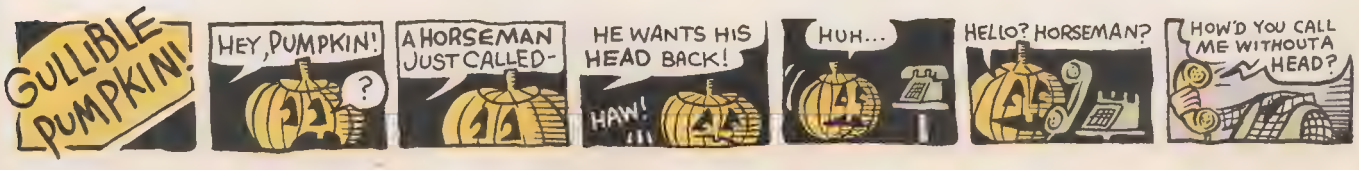

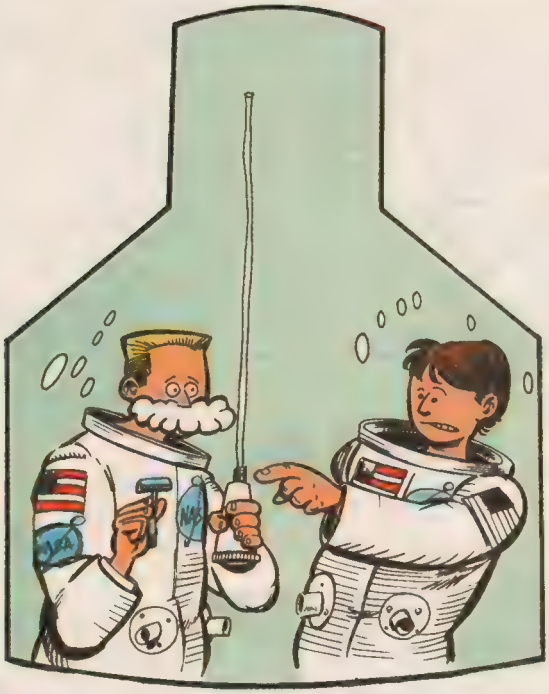

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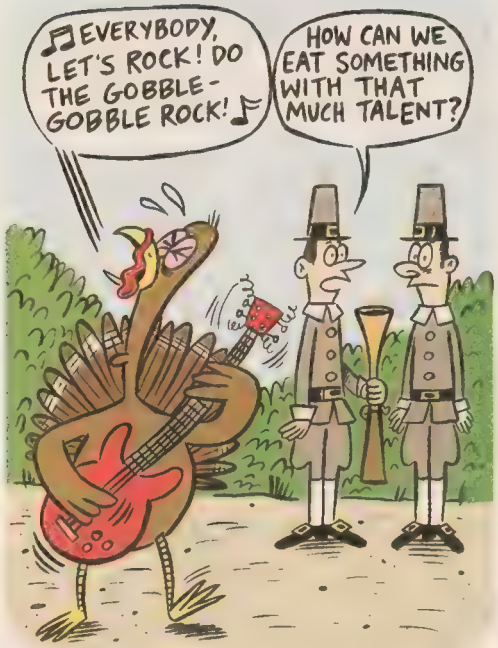

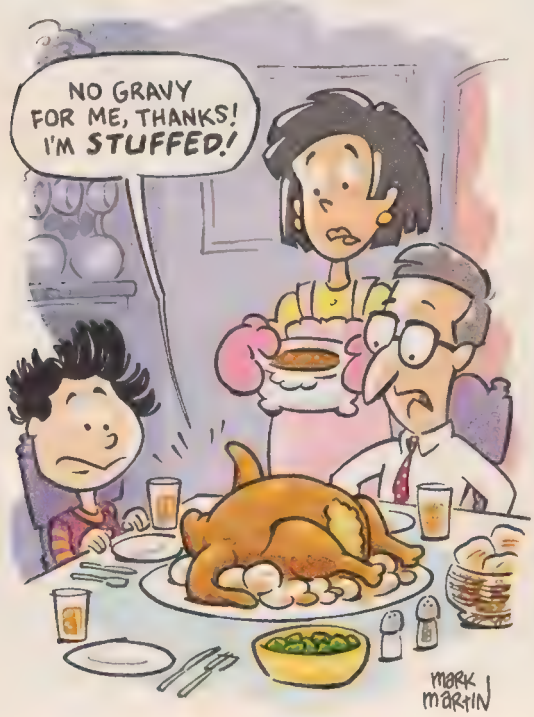

"Hey, that's not corn on the cob. It's my nose!"

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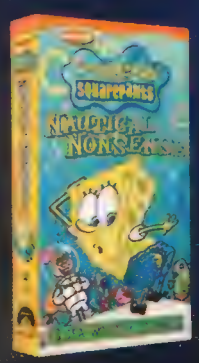

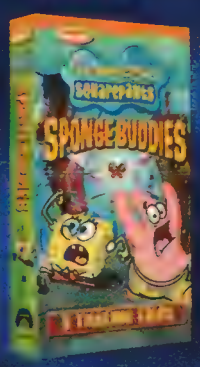

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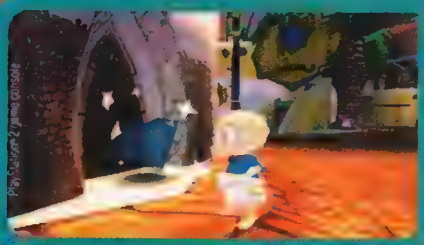

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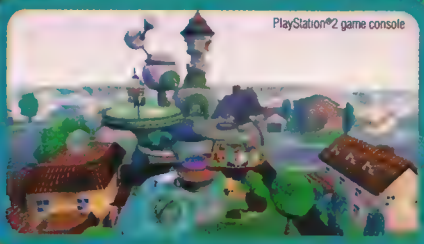

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"Repeat after me...
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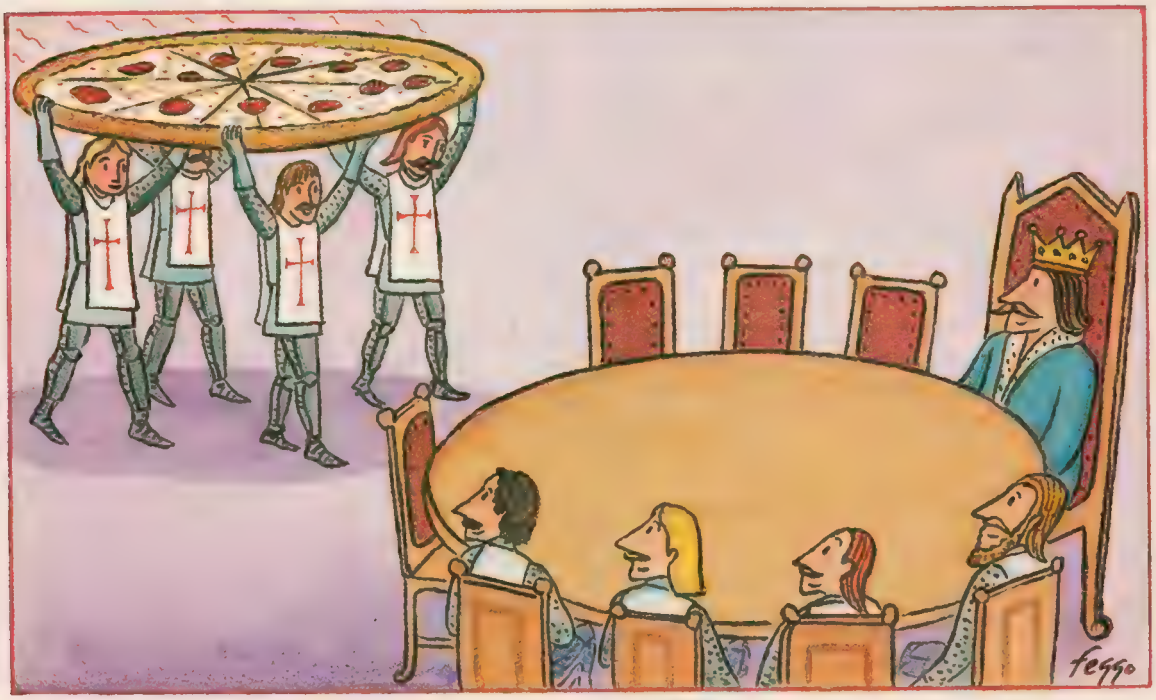
"DESSERT'S ON ME, BOYS! I FOUND SOME OF THOSE MINTY TOOTHPICKS BY THE LODGE LAST NIGHT!"



SHARK HUNTERS

THE SEARCH FOR STEPHANIE THE SHARK

GRAMPA

JULIE

STEPHEN, GOOD NEWS! GRAMPA AND JULIE HAVE FOUND YOUR MOMMY IN THE ARCTIC! YOU'RE "SO" GIGANTIC; I BET YOUR MOM'S EVEN BIGGER!

YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS PICTURED YOU AS BEING...

...LESS TEENSY.

WHAT CAN I SAY? I GUESS HE GETS HIS SIZE FROM HIS DAD.

CHILDBIRTH WAS NO FUN, LET ME TELL YOU.

STEPHANIE, WHY DID YOU ABANDON STEPHEN WHEN HE WAS SUCH A YOUNG SHARK?

ME?! IT WAS HE WHO RAN AWAY.

"I REMEMBER IT AS THOUGH IT WERE YESTERDAY. YOUNG STEPHEN AND I WERE LOOKING FOR FOOD."

BRACES!

NO DESSERT UNTIL YOU'VE EATEN YOUR KRILL.

"WE CAME UPON A BOAT."

MERTON, STOP FOOLING AROUND!

THAT WAS GRAMPA WHEN HE WAS A BABY!

"THE SMALL CHILD SLIPPED AND FELL INTO THE OCEAN."

SLIP.

CHECK OUT THIS CONCENTRATION OF ALGAE!

OOO.

"I ALWAYS TAUGHT STEPHEN TO STAY AWAY FROM HUMANS, BUT HE DIDN'T LIST N TO ME."

GRUMPY BURGLAR!

BOY, BREAKING INTO THIS HOUSE IS HARD!

STEALING ALL THIS STUFF IS BACKBREAKING WORK!

GREAT, NOW I GOTTA RUN FROM THE COPS.

EEEEEEE

THIS IS TOTALLY UNCOMFORTABLE!

VACATIONS ARE NO PICNIC, EITHER.

"HE RESCUED THE CHILD AND PUT HIM BACK ON THE BOAT. I DON'T THINK THE PARENTS EVEN NOTICED."

NO, HONEY. IT'S A POINT FOUR CONCENTRATION.

"GRAMPA GAVE STEPHEN SOME TUTTI-FRUTTI GUM TO THANK HIM."

IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME NOW!

"THE BOAT SAILED AWAY."

LET'S GO, STEPHEN. NOW!

"THAT NIGHT, STEPHEN SWAM AWAY TO FIND THE BOY AND MORE OF HIS DELICIOUS GUM."

AND THAT WAS THE LAST I SAW OF MY LITTLE BOY.

SNIFF

WOW, WHAT A STORY! BUT WHY ARE YOU IN THE ARCTIC?

I'VE DECIDED TO GET STEPHEN'S ATTENTION BY BREAKING A WORLD RECORD. I'M GOING TO BE THE FIRST SHARK EVER TO SWIM ALL THE WAY TO THE NORTH POLE.

NORTH POLE

DAD?

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? YOU'RE JUST ABOUT THERE.

THE PATH'S BLOCKED BY THOSE ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN.

CAN'T WE GO TO THE MALL? FISHING'S BO-RING!

NORTH POLE

NOT UNTIL WE CATCH SOMETHING. FISHING BUILDS CHARACTER.

AWW!

OH, THOSE SCARY ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN. I CAN'T STAND TO LOOK, YET I CAN'T TURN AWAY. GET IT? PRETTY FUNNY, HUH? YET-I, YETI! UH, YETI'S ANOTHER WORD FOR ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN. OH, NEVER MIND. JUST COME BACK NEXT MONTH. PLEASE?

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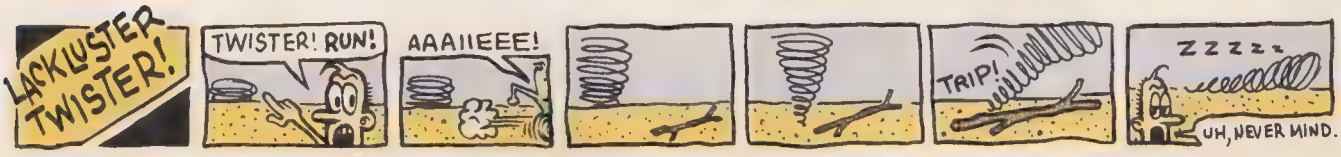

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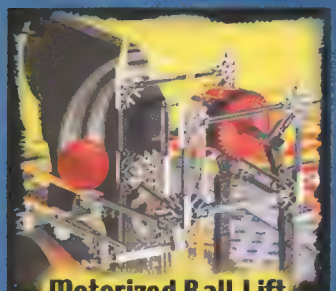

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Good Taste in Art

Maria D. Rosado and Lynda Jones discovered four works of art that make us think about lunch.

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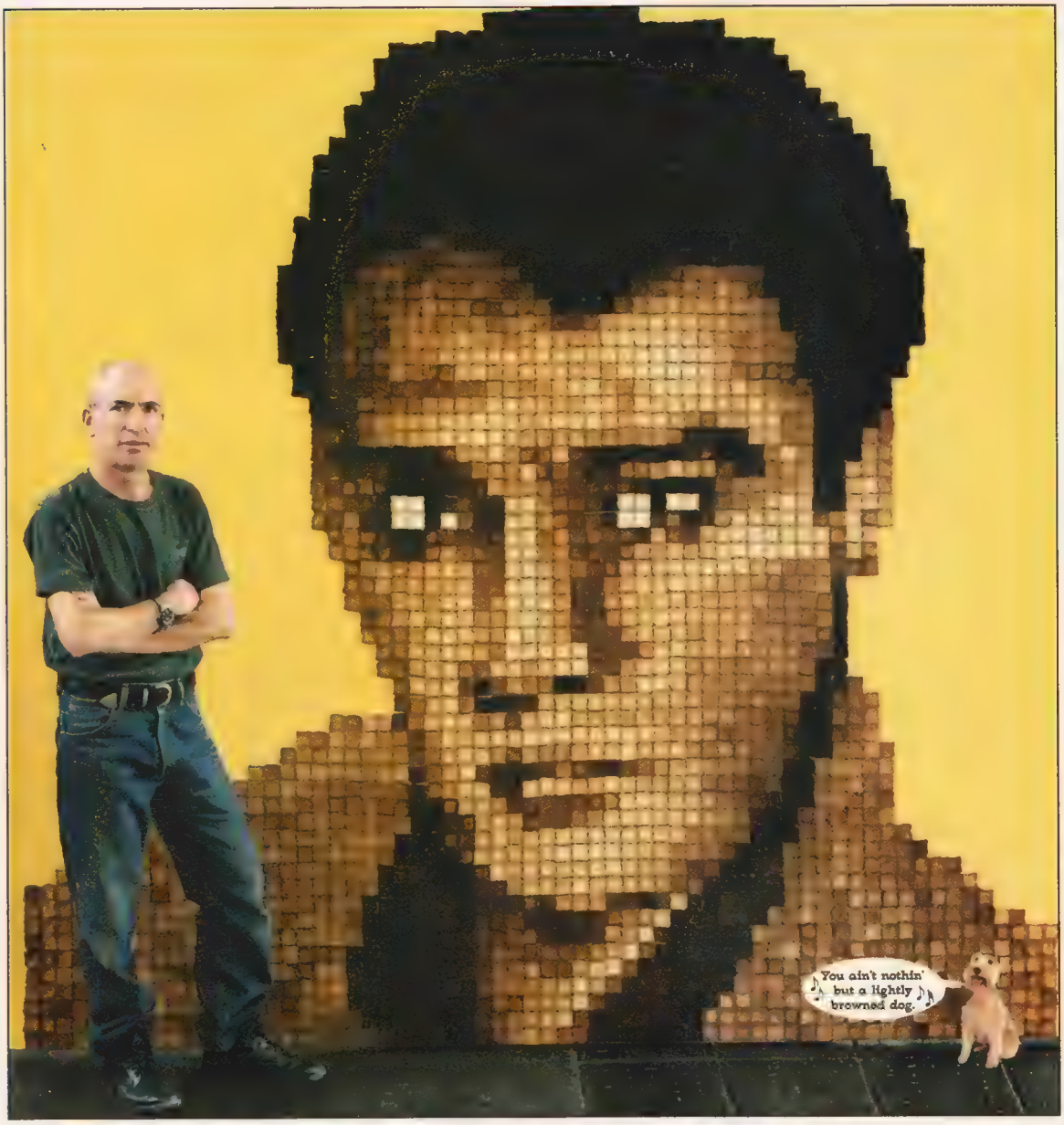

A TOAST TO THE KING

New Zealand artist **Maurice Bennett** (*above, left*) poses with *Elvis on Toast,* his 62-square-foot portrait of rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley made out of 3,525 slices of toast. Luckily for Maurice, he didn't have to use a toaster. The artist has access to a commercial oven large enough to toast 90 slices of bread at a time. By grilling the bread in shades that range from light to burnt, he was able to create the King's skin tone, facial features, hair color, and clothing. The billboard-size toast portrait keeps Maurice company in his studio.

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MORE Good Taste in Art

SHE LIKES TO DOODLE

Artist **Sandy Skoglund** had to use a whole lot of Cheez Doodles to create *The Cocktail Party* (above), a room-size scene covered with the bright orange snack. The artist and her assistants glued the food onto the walls, floor, furniture, six mannequins, and the clothing of four live models posing in the room. It took six months to assemble the props and complete the artwork.

Sandy makes art with food because she likes working with unexpected materials that almost everyone recognizes. In another piece called *Body Limits* (right), she plastered a room, chair, and a pair of mannequins with bacon strips. Since meat spoils quickly, Sandy photographed the piece so that the pictures could be displayed later in a museum without causing a big stink.

HERE'S THE POOP

It may look like a science experiment, but you won't find *Cloaca* in a lab. Museums take turns displaying the machine, which duplicates the human digestive system. It was created by Belgian artist **Wim Delvoye** and scientists from the University of Antwerp. Every day, *Cloaca* is fed two nutritious meals. The food travels through glass vats (*left*), pumps, pipes, filters, and tubes, which contain the same acids and gases that humans have in their stomach and intestines. After 27 hours, the time it takes for the average person to completely digest a meal, *Cloaca* squeezes its solid waste out of a nozzle and onto a conveyor belt. The end result is scooped up and sealed in jars. Art collectors pay as much as $1,500 a pop for the poop.

FEED ME: *Cloaca* gets fed by a museum worker.

RICE TREAT

A group of 450 volunteers at a mall in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, made this traditional Indian floor artwork called a ***kolam*** out of 3,300 pounds of colored rice and rice flour. It took 18 hours to complete the design, which measures 230 by 133 feet, in 1996. The kolam, a traditional art form from India, is a symbol of good fortune and usually made by women. Kolams can be found in front of homes, businesses, and in courtyards. To make a kolam, the artist sketches a design–usually geometric and symmetric shapes–on the ground with white rice flour. The pattern is then filled in with naturally dyed rice, rice flour, and sometimes a variety of powdered spices. ❑

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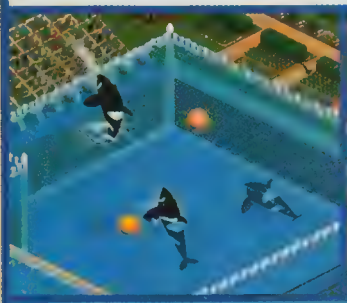

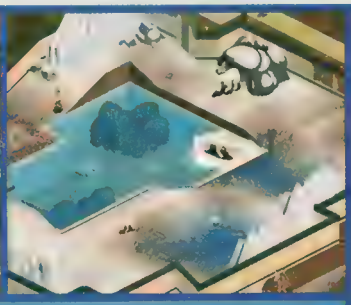

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As told by **ZELDA VAN GUTTERS**, Roving Reporter

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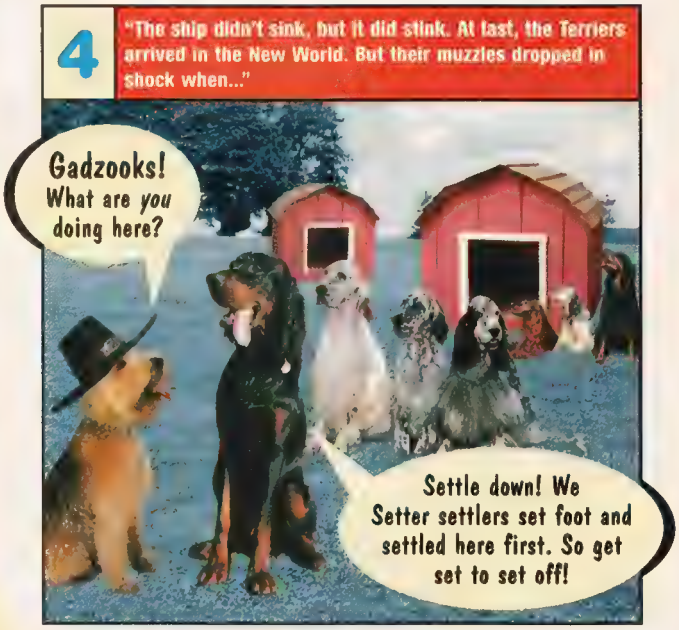

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more PILGRIM POOCHES

5 "They trekked through forest and over hill and dale. Finally, they came upon a most hospitable place and put down stakes."

6 "The winter was fierce and cold, the wind was bitter, and the snow was unending and often yellow. A meeting of Terrier elders was convened."

7 "On their way south, the Terriers stopped in Plymouth, Massachewsits."

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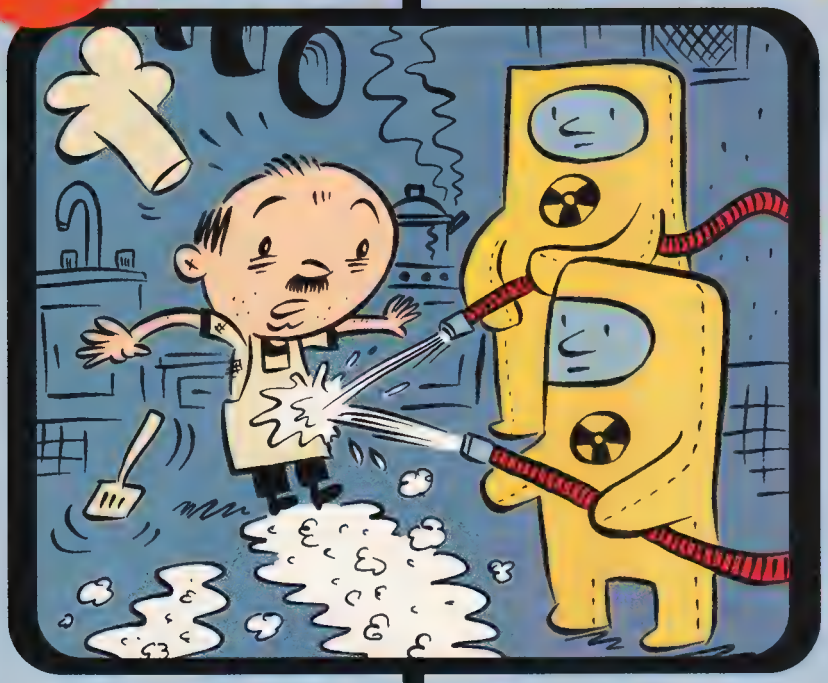

If you've ever gone to a really bad restaurant, you may have wished you'd stayed in and eaten last month's leftovers instead. Here are some danger signs when it comes to eating out.

- ✶ The chef is being sprayed down by people wearing yellow hazardous-material suits.
- ✦ The restaurant is surrounded by police CAUTION tape.
- ✶ Before digging in, you have to sign a contract promising you won't sue.
- ✦ An ambulance is parked outside at all times, waiting for customers.
- ✶ The service is so slow that by the time dinner arrives, you're ready for breakfast.
- ✦ The menu has a skull and crossbones over some of the entrées.
- ✶ The "early bird special" is still flying around.
- ✦ When you ask where the bathrooms are, nobody who works there has any idea.
- ✶ The steak is so gristly that it comes with a side of dental floss.
- ✦ There are crayons at the table and someone who dined there before you wrote in big red letters: DON'T EAT HERE!!!!

PULLOUT PLACEMATS

Entertain yourself at Thanksgiving dinner with these pullout placemats. Sing the Turkey Tunes to annoy your fellow diners. Or pass the time while you wait to be excused by finding all of the mistakes in the Miss Spell Diner menu.

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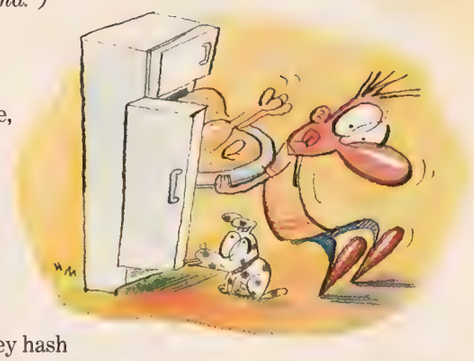
TURKEY TUNES

Sing these annoying Thanksgiving songs in between bites of turkey.

by Anne D. Bernstein

THE LEFTOVERS SONG

(Sing to the tune of "Oh! Susanna.")



Well, the dinner meal has ended
With our dishes in the sink.
But there's still a half a bird here,
And the carcass sure does stink.

Chorus:
Leftover turkey,
I've had it up to here.
I'm afraid it's going to last
Way into next year.

We'll have turkey soup and turkey hash
And turkey fingers too.
There'll be turkey chili, then we'll make
A nice big turkey stew.

Repeat chorus

We'll have turkey burgers, turkey dogs,
A casserole to bake.
And we won't let up until we learn
To make a turkey shake.

Repeat chorus

THE SPILL SONG *(Sing to the tune of "Pop Goes the Weasel.")*

All around the table it goes,
A big and heavy platter.
You lose your grip, it's starting to slip—
Whoops! It goes splatter!

And now we see the cranberry sauce,
Which way will it be heading?
It's hard to stop, and soon it goes plop—
Splash! Stains start spreading.

The tablecloth is soaking up stains,
The baby starts to howl.
She throws the stuffing right at your face—
Quick! Grab a towel!

And when Thanksgiving dinner is done,
The plates we all are stacking.
One mishap more, food heads for the floor—
Slurp! Doggie's snacking.

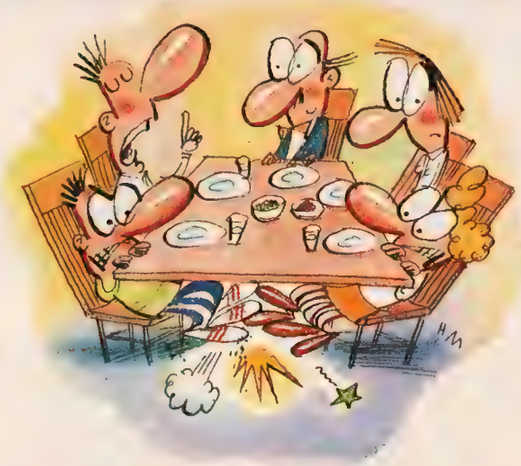
THE RELATIVES SONG

(Sing to the tune of "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain When She Comes.")

They'll complain about the traffic when they come.
They'll complain about the traffic when they come.
They'll throw coats upon the bed,
Then they'll pat you on the head.
They'll complain about the traffic when they come.

They'll be asking boring questions when they come.
They'll be asking boring questions when they come.
They'll try to guess what grade you're in,
Then they'll reach out and pinch your skin.
They'll be asking boring questions when they come.

They will hug you very tightly when they go.
They will hug you very tightly when they go.
They will squeeze you without fail,
Make it harder to inhale.
They will hug you very tightly when they go.



WHO'S KICKING ME UNDER THE TABLE?

(Sing to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean.")

Who's kicking me under the table?
Who's making my thigh black and blue?
Whose shoe is a dangerous weapon?
I think that the culprit is you.

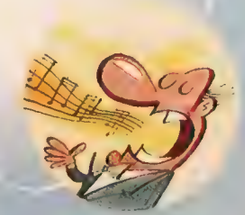
Chorus:
Oh, yes! Oh, yes!
I think that the culprit is you, is you.
Oh, yes! Oh, yes!
I think that the culprit is you.

Who's kicking me under the table?
Whose sneaker is hitting my shin?
Whose toe won't stop poking my ankle?
It's time for a fight to begin.

Chorus:
Kick back, kick back!
It's time for a fight to begin, begin.
Kick back, kick back!
It's time for a fight to begin.

My strategy seems to be working.
I guess that is all that it takes.
Now, why is the family staring?
Oh, no, I kicked Dad by mistake!

Chorus:
Kicked Dad, kicked Dad!
Oh, no, I kicked Dad by mistake, mistake.
Kicked Dad, kicked Dad!
Oh, no, I kicked Dad by mistake.



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THE BREAKFAST HOOK

Hot Oafmeal.....$1.50
Wrench Toast.....$2.50
Selection of Old Cereals.....$1.50
Mancakes.....$2.50
Two Eggs Over East With Home Flies.....$2.00
Bagel With Your Choice of Bitter, Jolly, or Dream Cheese.....$1.00

LURCH

Frilled Cheese Sandwich.....$1.50
Hamburger Flatter.....$3.50
Geek Salad.....$5.00
Bowl of Pee Soup.....$2.50
Fist and Chips.....$4.00

DESERT

Lice Pudding.....$1.50
Chocolate Lawyer Cake.....$2.50
Sweat Potato Pie.....$2.00
Strawberry Snortcake.....$2.50
Bandana Cream Pie.....$2.00
Key Lime Fart.....$3.00

LEVERAGES

Yoda.....$1.50
Silkshake.....$2.00
Lemonape.....$1.50
Iced Sea.....$1.50

RIDES

Lashed Potatoes.....$1.50
Garlic Dread.....$1.00
Three-Bear Salad.....$2.00

DINGER

APPETIZERS

Soap of the Day.....$1.50
Mouse Salad.....$2.00
Scrimp Cocktail.....$4.50

PAIN DISHES

Grilled Dork Chops.....$11.50
Beef Spew.....$9.50
Whole Maine Mobster.....$15.00
Spaghetti With Meanballs.....$6.50
Raked Chicken.....$8.50
Barbecued Fibs.....$10.50
Soft-Smelled Crabs.....$14.00

* All entrées served with your choice of lice or potato.

JUST FOR LIDS

Rot Dog.....$2.00
Tuna Felt.....$2.00
Pasta With Fred Sauce.....$3.50

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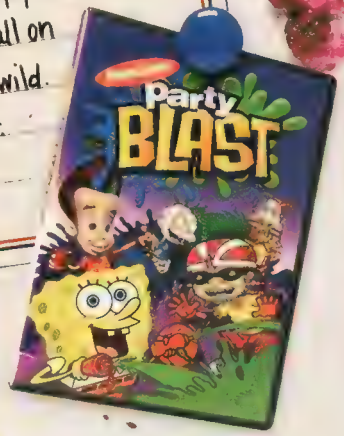

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NICKELODEON™ PARTY BLAST

Food Fight

- INVADER ZIM™ Food Fight: To get your opponents out of the way, run into the giant RED BUTTON in the upper left corner. This will start the giant fan, which will suck up your opponents and send them into the Goooze™ pit!
- Rugrats™ Food Fight: Try to find the loaf of bread. You can use it as defense when one of your opponents throws food at you.

Squirt and Splash

- Rugrats™ Squirt and Splash: Stay in the middle—it's the best place to be.

Roll-a-Ball

- Use any straight edge for a grind. Try the school bus on the Jimmy Neutron level.
- If you want to get a higher score, do a trick or grind before you shoot the ball.
- Jimmy Neutron™ Roll-a-Ball: When the window opens, shoot the ball in for extra points.

Coin Rally

- The Shield power up can protect you against anything except the Double Punching Glove.
- The best power up is the Magnet. Use it to grab your opponent's coins while he/she is getting hit with the Double Punching Glove.

Pipes

- Mr. Krabs Pipes Boss Level: The best way to beat Mr. Krabs is to get more points than him. Once you have the lead, then you must protect it by going after his pipes constantly—try the Hammer power up to mess up his pipe network.

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Bungee Game

Can't find it yet?

Watch Nickelodeon™ and Nick GAS for T.U.M.E.G.'s exclusive tip on how to unlock the secret game within Nickelodeon™ Party Blast beginning November 24!

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Step Up to the Plate

A favorite Thanksgiving ritual is breaking the wishbone. We wish there were other fun activities to do to keep us entertained on Turkey Day, so we made some up.

DRUMSTICK BATTING PRACTICE
Use a dinner roll for the ball.

TURKEY SKIN TUG-OF-WAR
Two players use their thumbs and forefingers to grasp the skin and pull.

PIN THE PARSLEY ON THE TURKEY
Before the turkey is carved, take turns trying to pin a piece of parsley on the bird's tail end while blindfolded.

PEAS-AND-CORN TIC-TAC-TOE
Carve a grid in the platter of mashed potatoes and start playing. Corn goes first.

BLINDMAN'S BLUFF
Diners close their eyes and take turns guessing whether they've just been fed a piece of white or dark meat.

MASHED POTATO SCULPTING CONTEST
Each contestant gets just one serving of potatoes. Any utensil on the table can be used as a sculpting tool. Five-minute time limit.

TASTY NEWSPAPER

If you like your news in bite-size chunks, then read *The Daily Chews*. It's the newspaper for Food Town, U.S.A.—a community that's hard to swallow.

THE DAILY CHEWS

COVERING FOOD TOWN AND ITS ENVIRONS • NOVEMBER 15, 2002

Liverwurst Removal Performed

HELLMANN—Doctors at the Hold the Mayo Clinic in nearby Hellmann performed a medical feat yesterday: the first liverwurst removal.

The problem began when the 18th Earl of Sandwich, a musician whose distant ancestor invented the sandwich, was in Food Town promoting his new album, *They Say That a Meatball Hero Will Save Us.* Sandwich had assembled a huge triple-decker liverwurst on rye with mustard, horseradish, lettuce, onions, pickles, and tons of oil and vinegar, when the sandwich itself began to experience severe pain in both the upper and lower slices of bread.

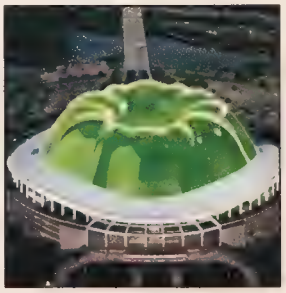
Dr. Ileum Colon, the liverwurst specialist from New Deli who led the surgery team, said, "There's just no way a sandwich like that can hold. Something had to give, and it did."

The ailing sandwich was rushed to the hospital in a food cart. Dr. Colon, using state-of-the-art medical equipment—a fork—removed the liverwurst and deftly inserted some ham, thus rendering the sandwich more plateworthy. She said that the ailment shall forever remain a mystery meat.

Fiendish Flash Flood at Factory

FOOD TOWN—The banks of the vitamin-enriched Hi Sea gave way today, and millions of gallons of water gushed into the Jell-O factory on the corner of Strawberry and Lime Streets.

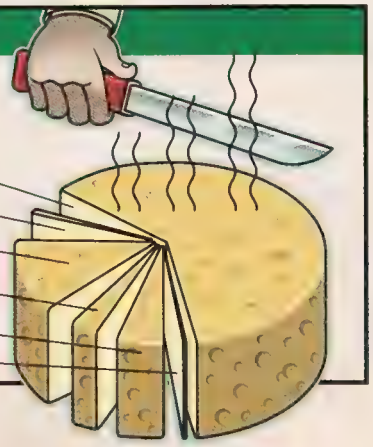
The 9 AM shift had just begun when the flood hit, and tons of Jell-O powder were dissolved, forming one gigantic lime green blob. The sugary mass then oozed its way out the door and through the neighboring streets, sweeping up chunks of pineapple and little marshmallows in its wake. Foodfighters battled the runaway gelatin valiantly and redirected it toward the Sugar Bowl, Food Town's largest sports arena. Once inside, the blob assumed the shape of the stadium, and soon thousands of people were nibbling at the once-threatening mass.



"This is the largest, but tastiest, disaster to hit this town since the Great S'mores Fire back in '61," said Jill Latinous, Food Town's mayor, digging in with a spoon.

THE DAILY CHEWS POLL

Today's question: ***Who Cut the Cheese?***



You	69%
The Guy at the Cheese Counter	1.95%
The Dog	16%
Farty McStinkbum	4%
Whoever Smelled It	9%
Me	.05%

Prehistoric Pizza Found

In the snowy peaks of the Alps, food archaeologist Boboli Tombstone has uncovered the frozen remains of the earliest man-made pizza. Pepperoni-dating techniques have verified that the pizza is well over 10,000 years old. Ms. Tombstone commented, "This is the greatest edible archaeological find since the discovery of the Great Food Pyramids of Egypt."

Brothers Let Go of Waffle After Decade-Long Dispute

After 10 years of physical inconvenience, lawsuits, and sticky hands, local brothers Desmond and Derleth DeWitt have released their tight grips on a single waffle that they both wanted.

At a press conference today, the young men, who are now in their twenties, read a joint statement: "Ten years ago, my brother and I both reached for and grabbed the same waffle. Because we were young, because we both enjoyed waffles, and, well, I suppose because of our fragile eggos, neither of us would release our grips. Thus began a nightmare for our friends, family, and ourselves. Today, that nightmare has ended."

Waffle no more: the brothers DeWitt

Desmond and Derleth credit local counselor Barney Batter with bringing them to their senses. Weeping openly, Desmond told a stunned audience of well-wishers and reporters, "Barney said, 'Boys, let go of the waffle. Let go of your hate. Just...*leggo*.'"

In a phone interview, Mr. Batter said, "Mmm...I'm glad... [*chewing sounds*] ...these two fine lads... Hey, honey, could I get a little more syrup over here? Mmm...this is one good waffle. Well-aged, too."

Can You Not Believe It?

The product known as I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! is changing its name to I Can't Believe It Really Is Butter! According to sources in the butter-substitute industry, too many people have come to accept the fact that I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! is not really butter, so that the name no longer makes sense. When people again begin to think that the product *is* butter, the product's name will change to I Can't Believe I Once Believed That This Was

Never Actually Butter! When that happens, the product itself will change and will *be* butter, not a butter substitute. Then the product will be called I Can Once Again Believe That This Really Isn't Butter! Then people will be informed that the product is really butter, and it will be renamed I Can't Believe I Actually Believed That It Wasn't Really Butter! Soon afterward, the product will become a butter substitute again, and will revert back either to its original name, I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!, or a new one, I Can't Believe I'm Still Buying This Butter Substitute!

Dear Rosemary:
Lately, I've been getting too sentimental. I cry at the mere drop of a waffle cone. This past summer, as I drove from street to street, even the sight of a kid could just make me melt. Life seems to have lost all flavor for me. Rosemary, you know about seasoning—is this whole thing seasonal? What's the scoop? Just sign me...
An Old Mr. Softy

Softy:
Summer is tough on a lot of us. Think of the poor egg frying on the sidewalk, the bruised peach turning bad, the picnic sandwich swarming with ants. You have to realize how happy you've made people and that, in turn, should make *you* happy. Try to be in more of a good humor. Sprinkle around the cheer and ring those bells!

Personal problems? Write to:

Sage Advice From Rosemary
4 Thyme Square
Food Town, U.S.A.

SPORTS

MONTPELIER, VERMONT—The Goo Games began here today with an event that can only be described as totally sweet—the 10-centimeter ooze. Major syrup powers Vermont Maid, Aunt Jemima, and Mrs. Butterworth were pitted against one another in a sticky competition for slowest time.

All eyes were on Mrs. Butterworth, who has no eyes of her own, but whose whole body is actually molded plastic in the shape of a middle-aged woman. This viscous veteran amazed onlookers at the U.S. Open Bottle this summer when her syrup was so thickened by the humidity that it actually flowed back into the bottle. Today she broke her own long-standing Goo Games record with a painstaking hour-and-a-half run. Vermont Maid and Aunt Jemima clocked in at well under an hour, which, as everyone knows, is way too Bisquick.

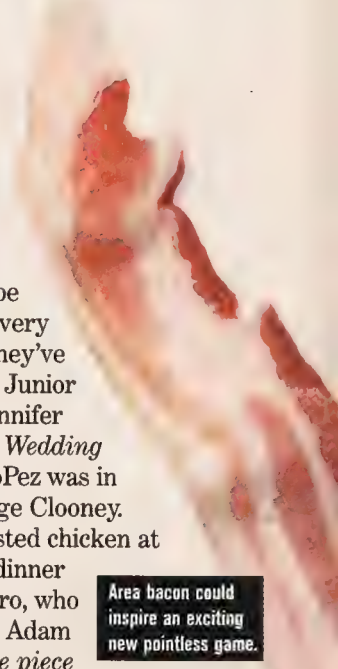
Dinner Theater:

Breath of a Salesman

This is an overwhelming production of an overpowering play, and if you can make it to Aisle 7, grab your cart and go! But be warned: If you do not have the stomach for coffee, onions, paprika, and, especially, garlic, you may want to check out Aisle 6 instead. There you'll find the renowned Lavoris Theater Company's production of *A SweeTart Named Desire,* starring Barry Retsin, Britney Spearmint, Matt Dentine, and Cert Russell.

Local Piece of Bacon Is Connected to Celebrity Foods by Six Degrees

Researchers at the University of Food Town have discovered that a piece of bacon sold at the local Mel's Meat Emporium to actor Adam Sandwich can be connected to almost every celebrity and a food they've eaten. For example, a Junior Mint was eaten by Jennifer LoPez in the film *The Wedding Cake Planner.* Ms. LoPez was in *Out of Milk* with Gorge Clooney. Clooney shared a roasted chicken at an Academy Awards dinner with John Turnoverturo, who was in *Mr. Feeds* with Adam Sandwich...*who ate the piece of bacon sold at Mel's Meat Emporium!* It works with almost any star or star's food.



Area bacon could inspire an exciting new pointless game.

Researchers aren't sure what to do with this information, but are considering turning the six-step connection process into a time-killing game to play in long lines at the grocery store.

FAMILY-SIZE CIRCUS

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"Anybody seen B.J.?"

SOCIAL NOTES

Oil and **Vinegar** were seen mixing it up at the **Salad Bar** last night amidst a trendy crowd of **Romaine lettuce leaves.** Onlookers noted that at first the pair seemed to avoid each other, but since they are both so good at dressing, Oil and Vinegar eventually started to shake it up on the dance floor before separating at the end of the night.

Sara Lee was ejected from the **Brownies** after insisting that all nuts be removed from the troop, and then claiming that "nobody doesn't like me." "Besides the fact that it just isn't true, her grammar is atrocious," observed troop leader **Mrs. Paul,** when asked to comment.

Mac and **Cheese** finally plan to wed after a seemingly endless engagement. The two have been virtually inseparable since they first met in a glass baking dish some 30 years ago. Since then, they have stuck together, adapting to aluminum pans, microwaves, and occasional sub-zero temperatures in the freezer department.

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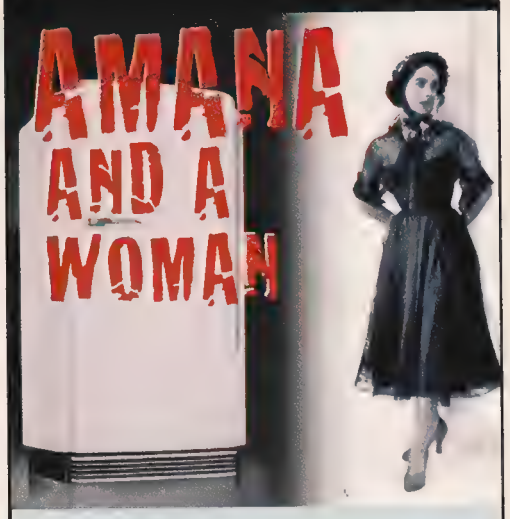

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One Cheese Puzzle With Everything

Your mother said not to start without her, but you and your friends couldn't wait to get at this cheese pizza topped with pepperoni, candy bars, toenails, dandelions, ladybugs, french fries, and pretzels. Quick—figure out how to put the pizza back together before Mom notices. (Maybe she won't see the bite you took.) Look carefully at where the ingredients have been cut. One slice has been placed to get you started.

Note: One extra slice was delivered separately. Can you figure out which one doesn't belong with this pizza?

Answers on page 108.

Secrets of the Chamber

Actors Daniel Radcliffe, Tom Felton, and director Chris Columbus are back this year with *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.* And we're back, too, asking more questions.

Real

THE STAR BEHIND THE SCAR
Daniel Radcliffe, age 13, stars as Harry Potter.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What was your favorite scene to do in this movie?

DANIEL RADCLIFFE: I love the scene in the Chamber of Secrets. I think it's really creepy, a really big thriller. I also love the dueling scene. It was fun to do because there are so many characters in it: Gilderoy Lockhart, Professor Snape, all the Weasleys—there are loads of people.

What are you looking forward to seeing in the finished film?

I'm looking forward to seeing how all the special effects turned out. I particularly want to see the flying car, because I reckon that's going to be a very cool sequence. And the spider scene.

What were your favorite animals to work with in the movie?
I just love the owls. They're beautiful creatures. I think Gizmo [the main owl that plays Hedwig in both movies] is getting to recognize me.

After you're done with the third movie next year, will you keep acting?
I don't know. It's definitely one of those things that I'm interested in. I might go into directing, but I won't be able to do that when I'm fourteen. Writing, directing, and acting, they're my three main interests.

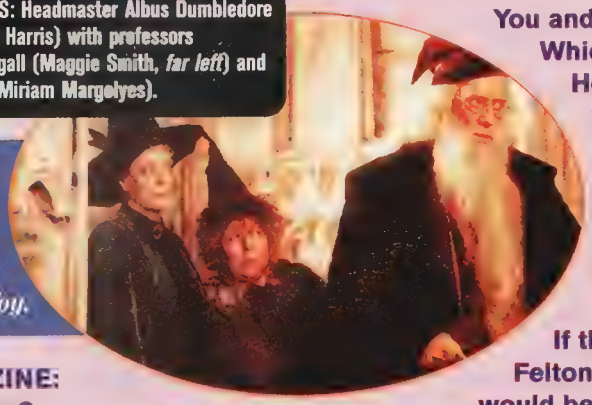
How do you unwind at the end of a busy day on the set?
I watch *The Simpsons.* It's my favorite show. There are two episodes every night, and I just go home and watch them. It's fantastic.

MALFOY'S BOYS: Draco Malfoy with his goons, Crabbe (Jamie Waylett, *left*) and Goyle (Joshua Herdman, *right*).

Do you have a favorite Harry Potter book?
To be honest with you, I haven't read any of them. I think I'm the only person on the set who hasn't. I wanted to get more into the script. I thought I'd go with what Chris Columbus [the director] says—see what he wants out of the character.

Do you think acting will be your career?
No, I don't. My plan is to do acting until I'm sixteen, then travel for a year, fishing with my brother. I want to go to fishery management college. They teach you how to run fisheries. My brother went there, and I've decided to go as well.

How do you relax after a long day of working on the set?
I go home and watch an hour of *The Simpsons.*



TOP HATS: Headmaster Albus Dumbledore (Richard Harris) with professors McGonagall (Maggie Smith, *far left*) and Sprout (Miriam Margolyes).

You and Daniel, too. Which house at Hogwarts would you want to be in?
Oh, Slytherin all the way. Gryffindor is far too goody-goody.

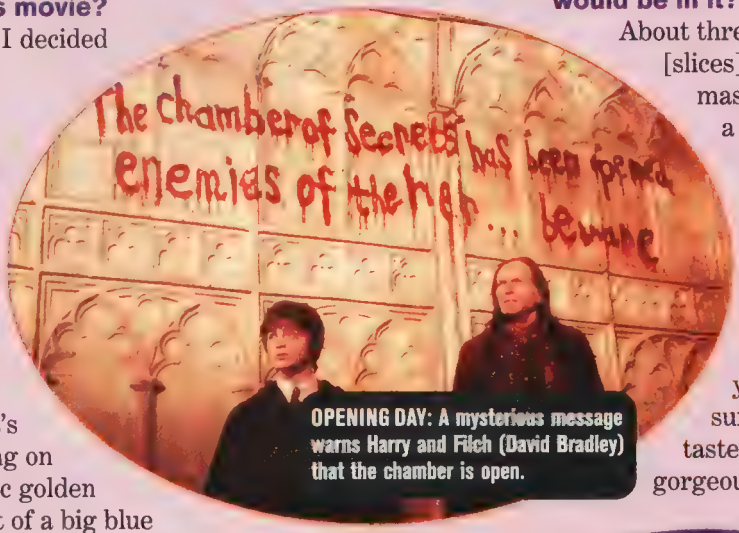
SERIOUS ABOUT SLYTHERIN
Tom Felton, age 15, plays Harry's nemesis, Draco Malfoy.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:
How is Malfoy different in this movie?
TOM FELTON: I'm a lot nastier. I decided after watching the first one that I wasn't nasty enough.

What is it like playing such a nasty person?
It's more fun. Personally, I prefer it. It's different from how I normally am.

What was the hardest scene for you to do?
I found Quidditch quite tough. It's hard to imagine that you're racing on a broomstick and chasing a magic golden ball when you're actually in front of a big blue screen. But I got used to it after a while.

If there was a Tom Felton sandwich, what would be in it?
About three rashers [slices] of bacon, a massive burger, a couple of sausages, and a fried egg. It's very fatty and not very healthy for you, but I'm sure it would taste absolutely gorgeous.



OPENING DAY: A mysterious message warns Harry and Filch (David Bradley) that the chamber is open.

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THE DIRECTOR, NOT THE DISCOVERER *Chris Columbus directed last year's Harry Potter movie as well as the new film.*

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Were you intimidated or excited about directing the Harry Potter movies?

CHRIS COLUMBUS: I was excited. I had a sense of responsibility to not disappoint my kids, not disappoint the millions of fans, and not disappoint myself. It's rare that you get to work on a project that you're an obsessive fan of, and Harry Potter happened to be the one project in my career that I felt that way about.

How did you discover the Harry Potter books?

When my daughter Eleanor convinced me to read the first book. I was a little reluctant, because I thought it was a children's novel. I had no idea it was much more. I fell in love with it as a piece of literature, and I knew I wanted to direct it.

Which character do you most identify with?

I identify with Harry. I think all kids do. You identify with this feeling of being lost and slightly isolated. Suddenly a letter comes, and it gives you the potential to hope and dream. I certainly identified with it as a kid growing up in the Midwest, wanting to be a filmmaker. It was like when I got my letter of acceptance to the New York University film school.

Will you direct the third Harry Potter movie?

No. When you're directing a film, you are required to be there from the crack of dawn until ten at night. I have four children, and it's time for me to devote some time to them. But I'll be a producer on the film and help out.

Which house at Hogwarts do you think you would be in?

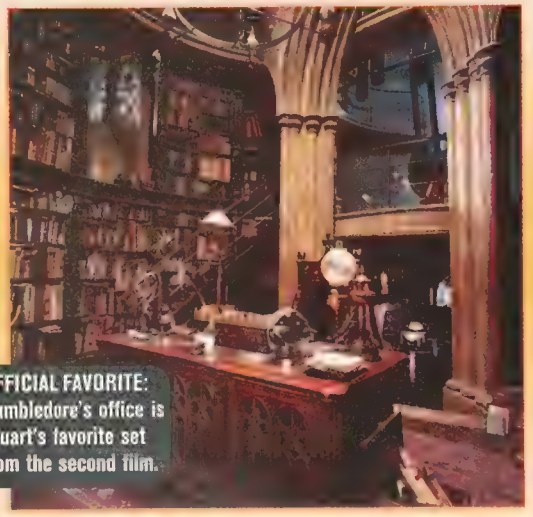
I had Jo Rowling sign *Goblet of Fire* for me when it came out. She wrote, "To Chris, true Gryffindor." Since she put me in Gryffindor, that's where I'll stay. ❑

I'll stay right here.

Ready, Set, Build

Creating the world of Harry Potter for the movie is the job of production designer Stuart Craig. He created the sets for both films and was nominated for an Oscar for last year's *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.*

The most challenging set to create for *Chamber of Secrets* was the chamber itself. "It's supposed to be hundreds of feet high, but the sound stage is only twenty-eight feet high," Stuart explains. "The challenge was to deliver something impressive that we could still shoot. So we decided that the Chamber of Secrets was flooded. This way, it could still be hundreds of feet tall but most of it is submerged underwater."



OFFICIAL FAVORITE: Dumbledore's office is Stuart's favorite set from the second film.

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How to Draw Eliza

Draw Eliza Thornberry in the blank space by following these step-by-step instructions. Make sure you use a pencil with a good eraser, because some steps require erasing.

The Wild Thornberrys Movie premieres in movie theaters in December. For details, go to WildThornberrys.com.

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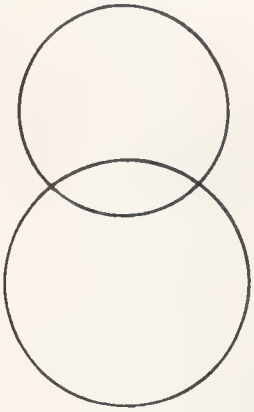
Use the bottom of two different-size glasses (or other cylindrical objects) to make two slightly overlapping circles, one above the other. The top circle should be slightly smaller than the bottom one.



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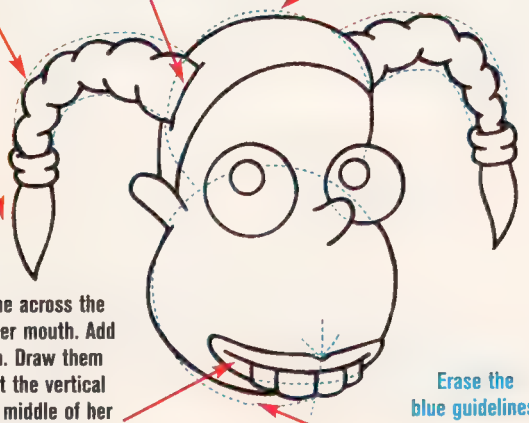
Draw continuous arches on her pigtails. Then add a flame shape at the bottom of each pigtail.

Make the curve of her head a bit wider and continue the new curve below her pigtail to her ear.

Add a line to the top of Eliza's right pigtail.



Draw a line across the center of her mouth. Add four teeth. Draw them starting at the vertical line in the middle of her lips. The two center teeth are the largest. They come down past her chin.

Erase the blue guidelines.

Flatten the bottom of the circle forming her jaw so Eliza's chin appears to go behind or under her teeth.

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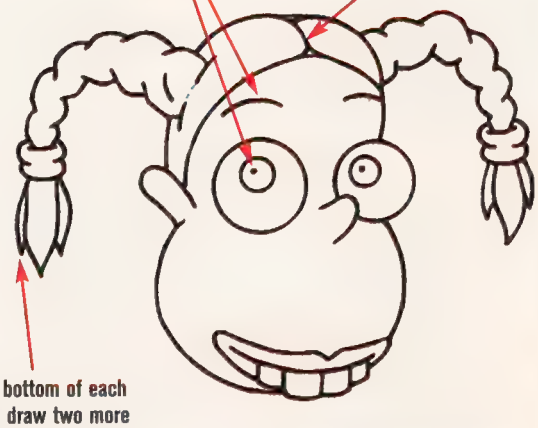
Add a pupil to each eye and add eyebrows above each eye.

Add a line to indicate a part in Eliza's hair. Cinch in her hairline at back and front.



At the bottom of each pigtail, draw two more flames so her hair comes to three points.

Erase the blue guidelines.

Thornberry

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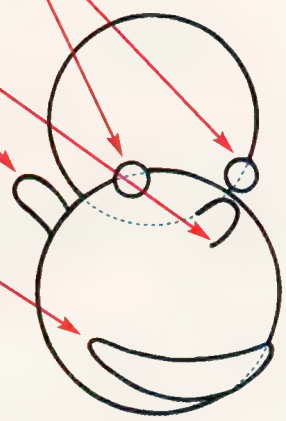
Draw two small circles for Eliza's eyes.

Add her right ear and her nose.

Add a banana shape near the bottom of her face for the mouth.

Erase the guidelines (shown in blue) from the previous step.



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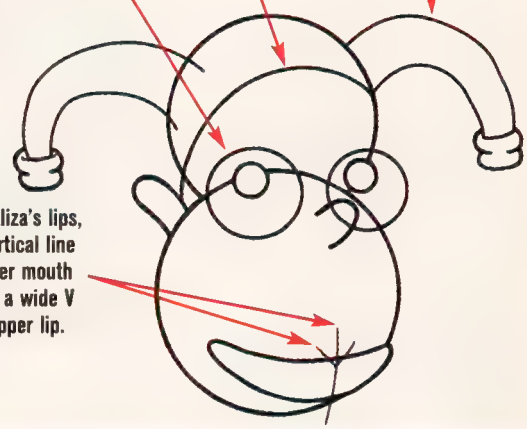
Add two arched pigtails (one on each side of her head). At the end of each pigtail, add a ponytail holder.

Draw Eliza's curved hairline from her right ear to the other side of her head.

For Eliza's glasses, make two large circles, one around each eye. The circle on the left should be slightly larger than the other.

To define Eliza's lips, draw a vertical line through her mouth and make a wide V on her upper lip.



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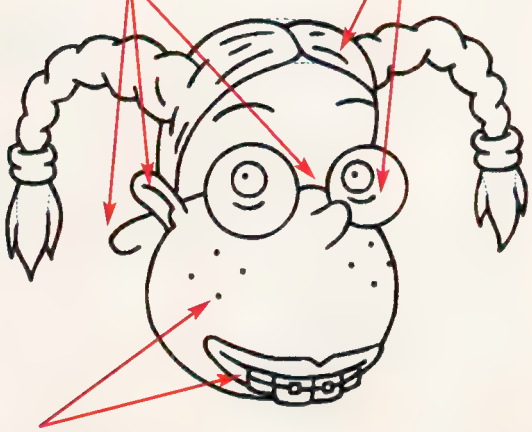
Add lines in her hair and, following the curve of her eyes, lines under each eye.

Put a line inside her ear and a sidepiece and a bridge on her eyeglasses.



Put freckles on her cheeks in a diamond pattern and braces on her teeth.

Erase the blue guidelines.

Draw Eliza Here

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What's New on Nick

JOURNAL JOURNEY

When Arnold decides to pack up some old belongings, he comes across his dad's journal and learns more than he expected about his parents before their disappearance. Will this help Arnold find out what ever happened to them? The ***Hey Arnold!*** TV movie "The Journal" premieres Monday, November 11, at 8 PM.

A BOY AND A CAMP

Be on the lookout for new episodes of ***The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius*** and ***Scaredy Camp*** throughout November. *The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius* airs every Friday at 8:30 PM, and *Scaredy Camp* airs in TEENick every Sunday at 7 PM.

Scaredy Camp

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THEY JUST DON'T STOP

Get ready for five days straight of all your favorite Nicktoons. **NonStop Nicktoons** begins Wednesday, November 27, at 2 PM.

Shows air one hour earlier in the central time zone. Show times are subject to change. Check nick.com or local listings for details.

NICK.COM NEWS

SITE GONE WILD

Get in touch with nature at **WildThornberrys.com**, the official site of *The Wild Thornberrys Movie.* Try your hand at games including *The Wild Thornberrys* Wildlife Rescue Game, where you travel the Serengeti Plain in Africa to rescue and care for virtual wild animals.

CYBER STUFF(ING)

Before you eat turkey, check out nick.com's Thanksgiving site, where you'll find e-cards, games, and clickamajigs.

MORPH Than MEETS the EYE

If Spider-Man's Tobey Maguire and Smallville's Tom Welling were morphed into one character, would they create a Spider-Man with supersenses or a Superman with spider senses?

morphed by Bill Greer

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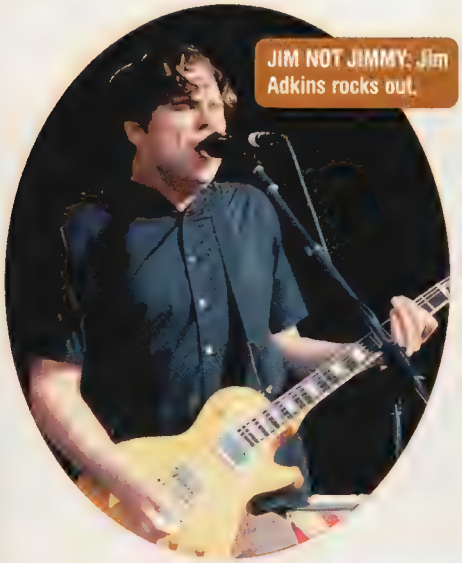
Jimmy Meet Us

STAND-UP GUYS (*above, left to right*): Tom Linton, Zach Lind, Jim Adkins, and Rick Burch.

We talked to Jimmy Eat World singer and guitarist Jim Adkins and found out about pranks on the tour, bullet trains, and the fact that he's not Jimmy.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did Jimmy Eat World get its name?
JIM ADKINS: About ten years ago, [guitarist] Tom Linton's brother Ed drew a picture of their other brother Jim with a globe in his mouth—trying to say that Jim could eat the world. Back then, Jim was a heavyset kid and Ed was mad at him. Ed was about eight years old at the time.

Do people think that you're the Jimmy of Jimmy Eat World?
Some people say, "Hey, Jimmy, how ya doing?" But I haven't gone by Jimmy since I was five, so it's kind of annoying.



JIM NOT JIMMY: Jim Adkins rocks out.

What is your song "The Middle" about?
It's about being in "the middle" of growing up. It's about not focusing all your attention and time trying to be accepted by everybody, because in the long run it's a waste of your time.

How does the band usually travel on tour?
On our normal tours we travel around in a bus. When we went to Japan we took the bullet train everywhere. If it would take you eight hours to drive to a city, you'd be there in an hour and a half by this train that goes almost 200 miles an hour. I wish every country had it. It's really the only way to travel.

Jimmy Eat World recently toured with notorious pranksters Blink-182 and Green Day. Did they pull any tricks on you?
They got us pretty bad. During our last performance with them, they were setting off firecrackers at quiet parts and between songs. They also had people dumping glitter and Ping-Pong balls and dehydrated potato flakes on us and people on stage running around in big bunny suits.

Was it funny or annoying?
It was funny. We knew it was coming, but we didn't expect all that. ❑

Jimmy Eats

What would be in a Jimmy Eat World meal?
It would be a killer breakfast crêpe, with Swiss cheese, caramelized onions, mushrooms, tomatoes, and green onions.

What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?
Pumpkin pie.

What Thanksgiving food would you ban?
It's tempting to say turkey, but I'm into the tradition of it. It has to be there, I guess. Fruitcake has to be banned from any November-through-January holiday.

I'll take it!

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The Feast and the

Check out NASCARCASS Racing, the hot new video game that features tiny cars racing around a dinner table. Okay, the game doesn't exist, but that isn't stopping us from serving up this puzzle. The large scene shows cars zipping (mostly) counterclockwise around a post-Thanksgiving table. The six smaller pictures show you what six of the drivers can see through their windshields. Can you figure out where each of those six cars is on the track? Answers on page 108.

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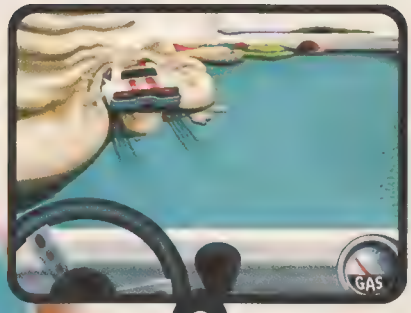
Furious

by Andrew Brisman



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Airborne Express

Mat Hoffman is a world-champion BMX freestyle biker. He holds the record for making the highest jump in the air on a bike: 26.5 feet. You can catch Mat's gravity-defying stunts this month at Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huckjam, a music and sports tour. We grounded Mat long enough to ask him these questions.

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NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did you get interested in BMX?
MAT HOFFMAN: I used to race motorcycles, and I enjoyed jumping them more than racing them. When I was about ten, I found BMX, a sport that revolved around jumping and riding styles. That's what got me interested. I sold my motorcycle, got a bike, and I haven't stopped riding since.

Do you prefer riding street or ramp?
I ride ramps and street, but my favorite is vert riding, which is on the big halfpipe ramps.

You've invented more than a hundred tricks. What's your favorite?
My favorite changes every day. Right now I'm into the flair [a backflip with a 180-degree turn]. But just trying to go as high as I can is my favorite thing to do.

What's your most difficult stunt?
The 900, where you hit the ramp, go up in the air, spin around two-and-a-half times, and come down. I did that trick for the first time in 1989, and I'm still scared to do it. It's a difficult trick to land.

What are some good beginner's tricks for kids?
Wheelies [lifting the front wheel off the ground], the bunny hop [jumping both wheels a few inches up off the ground], and balancing on your front wheel and coming down. Those are tricks that riders should master before they work up to the more difficult stuff.

How many bikes do you destroy in a year?
One time I went through three bikes in one day. I hate bike maintenance and having to sit there with a wrench trying to put bikes back together. That's what inspired me to start my own bike company.

What other extreme sports do you like to do?
I've combined bike riding and skydiving. I went to Norway, hiked my bike up a mountain, and rode it off a 3,200-foot cliff. I was doing flips while dropping. I opened up my parachute at about 400 feet above the ground. That was a fun little adventure.

Have you done any extreme eating lately?
I survive on ice cream. That's all I eat.

What do you do to relax?
Relaxing stresses me out. I try, but I just can't figure that whole thing out. I'm working on it, though. ❐

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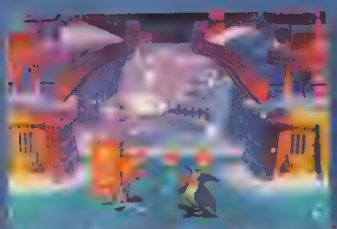

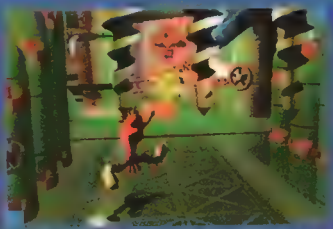

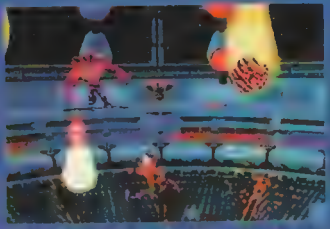

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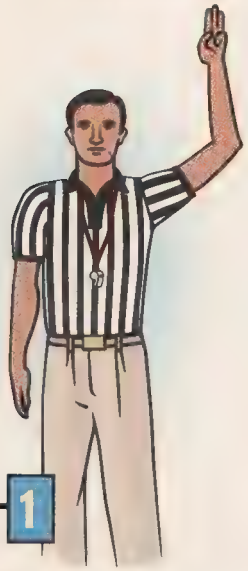
Make It Official

While everyone is checking out the players during a basketball game, the referees are making some nifty moves of their own. They use hand signals to indicate fouls and other events in the game. Step up to the line and take a shot at figuring out what these signals mean. Answers on page 108.

by Andrew Brisman



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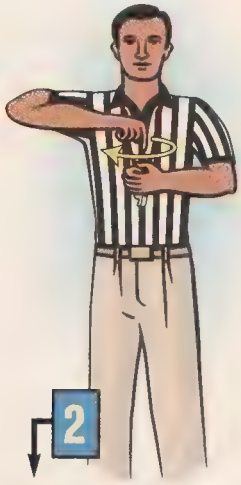
A Three hot dogs, please!
B Three-second rule infraction
C Taxi!



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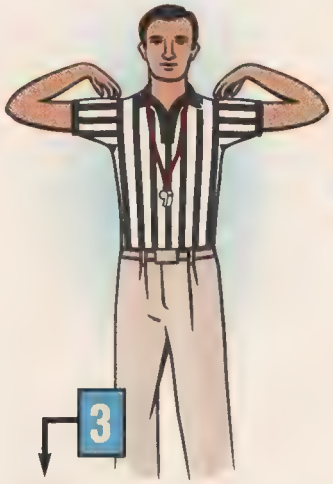
A Basket interference
B Crazy player on the court
C Speed up the game—I have to go to the bathroom.



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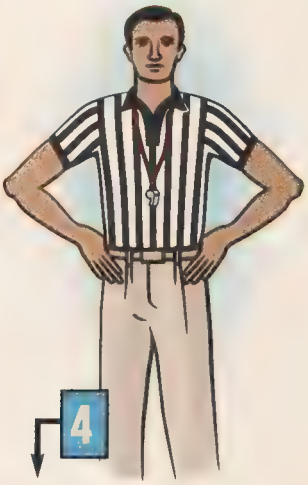
A Do you like my muscles?
B Twenty-second time-out
C Illegally sharpened elbows



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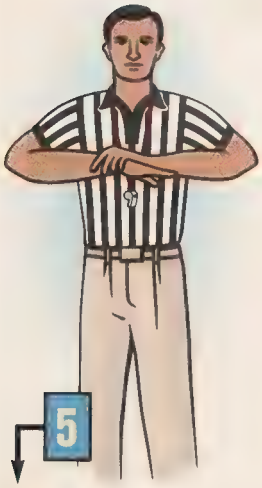
A I'm very disappointed.
B Waist of time
C Blocking



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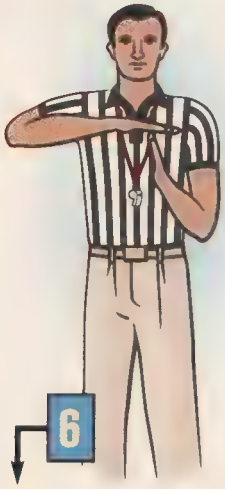
A Wristwatch not allowed
B Holding
C I am a genie. What are your three wishes?



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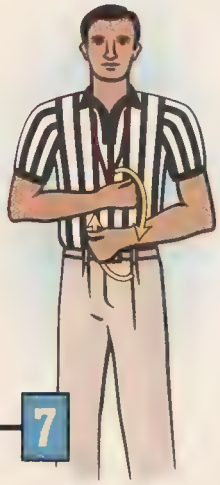
A Technical foul
B Break for tea
C Illegal tickling



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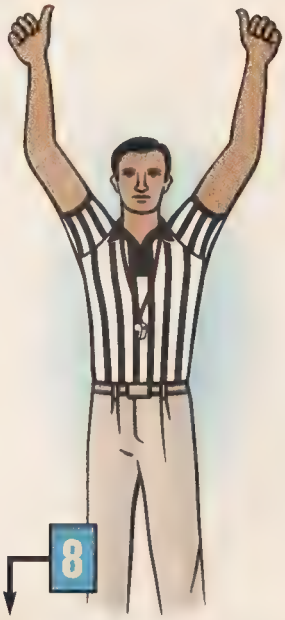
A Bad dance move
B Traveling
C Guess which hand has the whistle.



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A Great game, guys!
B I love my new antiperspirant!
C Jump ball

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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Real					**1** National Authors' Day **What a bunch of characters.**	**2** James K. Polk, 11th U.S. President, born, 1795 **Do the *polka* today.**
3 The 4th Earl of Sandwich, inventor of the sandwich, born, 1718 **The doctor slapped him on the *buns*.**	**4**	**5** Cranberry #1 CRAMMING Eighty-five percent of the world's cranberries are grown in the U.S. ELECTION DAY	**6** John Philip Sousa, composer, born, 1854 **Forward, march!** RAMADAN BEGINS	**7** The elephant symbol for the U.S. Republican Party first appears, 1874 **It was an *elephantastic* idea.**		**9** Cranberry #2 CRAMMING It used to be illegal in Massachusetts and New Jersey to pick cranberries before they were ripe.
10 Eve, rapper and singer, born, 1978 **The night before was the eve of Eve.**	**11** Cranberry #3 CRAMMING Native Americans used cranberry juice to dye their rugs and blankets. VETERANS DAY	**12** Sammy Sosa, baseball player, born, 1968 ***Home run* is where his heart is.**		**14** National American Teddy Bear Day **Get that warm and fuzzy feeling.**	**15** America Recycles Day **Do some trash talking.**	**16** *The Sound of Music* opens on Broadway, 1959 **The hills came alive.**
	18 Push-button phone debuts, 1963 **It set a whole new tone.**	**19** President Abraham Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address, 1863 **Who was keeping *fourscore*?**	**20**	**21** New York's Verrazano-Narrows Bridge opens, 1964 **It kept everyone in *suspension*.**	**22** Festival of Trees in Davenport, Iowa **Will there be free *barking*?**	**23** Cranberry #4 CRAMMING Ninety-five percent of all harvested cranberries are used for juice. The rest are made into sauce or sold fresh.
24 National Game and Puzzle Week begins ***Crosswords* will be exchanged.**	**25**	**26** Republic Day in Mongolia **Do not pass Gobi.**	**27** World's Championship Duck-Calling Contest begins in Stuttgart, Arkansas **Wait till the duck gets the phone *bill*.**	**28** Cranberry #5 CRAMMING Cranberries have four air-filled pockets that make them float in water. THANKSGIVING DAY	**29** HANUKKAH BEGINS	**30** Ben Stiller, actor, born, 1965 **He really did meet the parents.**

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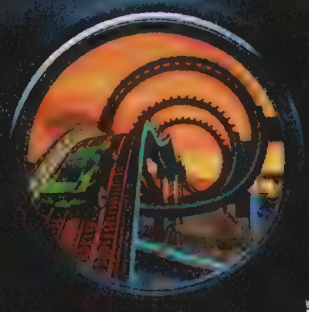

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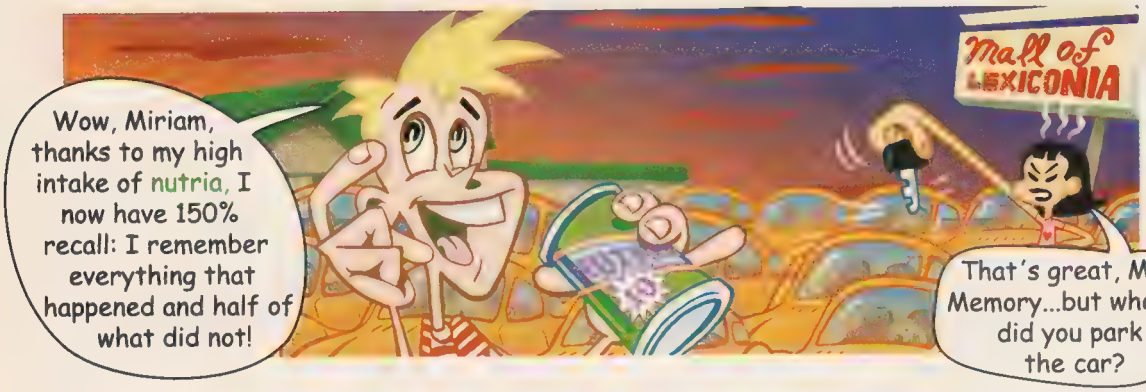
Miriam and her pal Webster "Funky" Wagnall are trying out a new word: NUTRIA. As usual they don't always use the word correctly. Can you figure out which of the three definitions below is the real one? **Answer on page 108.**

1

NUTRIA:
a hole in space that, according to some theories, leads to an alternate universe



2

NUTRIA:
a vitamin that is believed to improve memory

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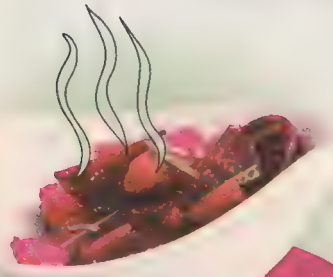
NUTRIA:
a semiaquatic rodent with webbed hind feet and dense, luxurious fur

What a wisecrack!

Minced Words Real Contest



Some food is so heavenly you could write a poem about it. On the other hand, some food tastes so bad, you could write a poem about that, too. Think of a food you love, hate, or are indifferent to, and write a short poem about it. (No more than six lines, please.) We've given you two examples.

The Beet Goes On

I think that I shall never eat
A food as nasty as a beet.
Its hue may be bright
And alkaline red,
But I just hate the thought
Of putting one in my head.

On Popcorn

Popcorn, popcorn, burning bright,
In the glare of the microwave light.
Its buttery smell fills up my nose,
With each second my hunger grows.
Preparing this snack is very easy–
I don't even mind my hands getting greasy.

Here's how to enter:

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I groan for a bone.

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Award-winning author **Judy Blume** first wrote about Fudge Hatcher in *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* in 1972. *Double Fudge*, the fifth book in the series about the adventurous boy, will be published this fall. In this latest book, five-year-old Fudge becomes obsessed with money and discovers that there is another Fudge in the family, his cousin. We talked to Judy about reading, writing, and fudge.

FUDGE FANATICS: Elliot (*right*) inspired his grandmother, Judy Blume (*left*), to cook up a new book about Fudge.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What inspired you to write a new Fudge book?

JUDY BLUME: My grandson, Elliot. He begged me to write one. I told him, "If I ever get another idea, I will."

How did you come up with the idea for *Double Fudge*?

I was in Key West, Florida, with Elliot and my daughter. Elliot wanted something that cost twenty dollars, and we said, "That's a lot of money." He just looked at us and said, "So go to the cash machine." Money didn't mean anything to him; it was just stuff that allowed him to get what he wanted. I don't know where the idea of the cousin came from—I just knew there was going to be another Fudge.

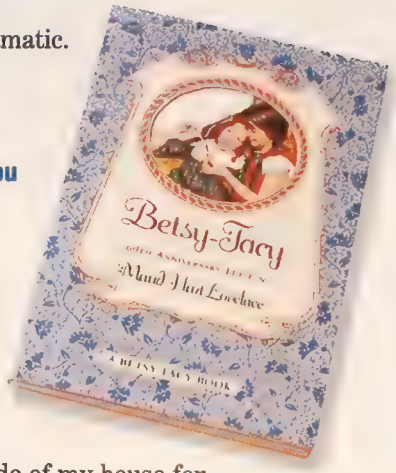
Where do you get your ideas?

My imagination, everything I see and hear. I was in the shower when I got the idea for *Superfudge*. Showers are a good place to be. When you're doing something that doesn't involve active thinking, your mind just wanders. If I were to say, "I'm going to sit here until I get a good idea," I would never get a good idea.

Who is Fudge based on?

My son, Larry, when he was a toddler, was the model for Fudge when I wrote *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. Fudge isn't based on anyone anymore. Fudge is now his own person.

What were you like when you were eleven?
At eleven I was a very good student, outgoing, really imaginative, and dramatic. I was coming out of my shell. Before that, I was painfully shy and quiet.



What was your favorite book when you were young?
I loved the Betsy-Tacy series [about a girl's life in the early 1900s] by Maud Hart Lovelace. They just re-released them.

Did you write stories when you were a kid?
I used to bounce a ball against the side of my house for hours, making up the most wonderful stories. They were very dramatic. I never wrote them down, and I never shared them with anyone.

What's the hardest thing about writing?
The part I dislike the most is facing a blank screen. I have a trick now to avoid that. I will jot down ideas in a notebook about a family or character or any little thing I might see. That notebook is my security blanket. I never have to face the blank screen because I have all these little notes.

Since this is our Food Issue, what food do you never eat?
Raw tomatoes. I love everything made with tomato sauce, but I cannot eat a raw tomato.

Do you prefer fudge or saltwater taffy?
Fudge! I've never liked saltwater taffy. I'm definitely a fudge person. ❑

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Before our new advisers get started, here's a little ditty dedicated to the readers who have kindly shared their opinions about Nick Mag with us over the past year.

Stacy Angstadt, Jesse Arnaud, Gabriel Aiello,
This is a good-bye; it isn't a hello.

Wes Collingsworth, Brian Thomas, and Chelsea Burns,
You were advisers; now it's other people's turns.

Jill Miklus and also Taylor Sommer,
Seeing you leave is a tremendous bummer.

Your time is up, and we say what we mean:
Props to Jonathan Curtis, Anna Pauly, and Emma Levine.

We got a new crew; we hope they're as cool
As were Gene Castro, Lisa Ohanian, and Lisa Altshul.

You provided us light; now it's a little more shady.
So thanks again to Wolf, Jessica, and to Lewis, Katie.

We'll never forget you; we won't ever be trashin'
Ari Klickstein, Jessica Lentini, and Colby Cashen.

We read your comments; we never did groan—
Thanks so much, Caroline Newman and Aaron Sloan.

Nick Mag was good but now it's much better still:
We owe it to you, Darcy Henrikson and Jacob Hill.

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Kudos 2 U 4 keepin' it real.

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Your monthly advice sure made our heads spin.

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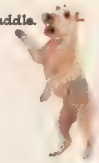
Without you we'd be way up the creek.


Doing the doggie paddle.

Forbes, Meagan, and Colney, Chris,
Please don't take this good-bye as a dis.

You didn't put us to sleep; we never were snorin',
Rosenbaum, Ben, and Rogers, Lauren.

Naomi Kaplan, Lindsay Martin, Jonathan Hughes,
From the staff of Nick Mag you never got boos.

Fiona Rowles, Jessica Holland, Shannon McGraw,
We searched high and low and couldn't find a flaw.

Laura Ortale, Michael Suppes, and Robert George,
Ahead with your suggestions and ideas we did forge.

With your clever suggestions we felt a bit safer,
Rhianna Wyss, Alex Stevens, and Jillian Shafer.

Gibson, Michael, and DelGiudice, James—
You think it was easy rhyming all of these names?

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Drive-Thru Puzzle (page 27): **1**–chicken nuggets, onion rings, soda: words are spelled backward; **2**–chicken sandwich, apple pie, iced tea: letters are scrambled; **3**–cheeseburger, apple pie, iced tea: next letters in the alphabet; **4**–cheeseburger, onion rings, orange soda: words are missing vowels; **5**–chicken sandwich, side salad, diet soda: every other letter is missing; **6**–fish sandwich, chili, diet soda: next letters in the alphabet; **7**–hamburger, fries, shake: words are missing vowels; **8**–fish sandwich, fries, shake: every other letter is missing; **9**–hamburger, chili, shake: words are spelled backward; **10**–chicken nuggets, side salad, diet soda: letters are scrambled.

Cart Toppers (page 36): **1**–sugar; **2**–sunblock; **3**–mints; **4**–artichoke hearts; **5**–corn on the cob; **6**–roasted chickens; **7**–roach spray; **8**–chilies; **9**–grease remover; **10**–honey; **11**–Unclog-o (clog remover); **12**–comic book; **13**–mustard; **14**–eyedrops.

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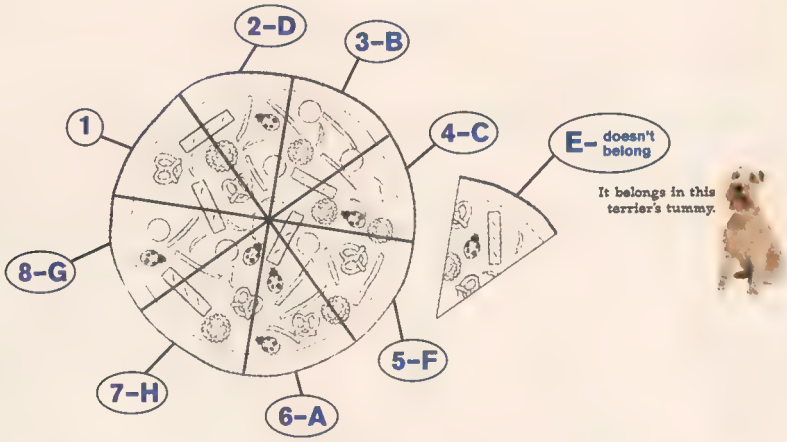

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Make It Official (page 99): **1**–B, **2**–A, **3**–B, **4**–C, **5**–B, **6**–A, **7**–B, **8**–C.

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Woman Sitting: Boy, that seafood really got to them!
Natalie L., age 12
Tyrone, Pennsylvania

Woman Dancing: And here, the swan princess enters.
Woman Sitting: This is the last time I'm gonna buy bargain tickets for *Swan Lake.*
Gina J., age 12
Lexington, South Carolina

Woman Dancing: I can fly! I can fly!
Woman Sitting: I always knew she drank too much caffeine.
Seth A., age 11
Bryan, Texas

Woman Dancing: Up! Up! And away!
Woman Sitting: These ocean breezes are really strong.
Molly R., age 11
Lino Lakes, Minnesota

Woman Dancing: Do you like our show? We call it *Wet Side Story.*
Woman Sitting: Wow! That's quite a *tidal*!
Eddie, age 10, and Gary, age 9
via e-mail

Woman Dancing: What do you think?
Woman Sitting: I think I have sand in my swimsuit!
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